



April 7, 2023, Good Friday: Crucifixion

Matthew 27:27-61

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful Jesus, you went willingly to a painful and humiliating death, a proclamation of a love far deeper than we deserve and far more powerful than we can imagine. Hold us in our doubt and grief as we bear witness to what you endured. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. (Matthew 27:50-52)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus' crucifixion fulfilled many prophecies of the Jewish understanding of Messiah. Still, no one can fully understand the depth of Jesus' action for us.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- God's entire creation mourned at the loss of Jesus. How has creation been changed by the events of Jesus' death and resurrection?
- How does Jesus' crucifixion shape your life?
- For the littles: When each of these occur, is creation sad, angry, happy, scared, surprised, or mischievous?

Earthquakes  
Hurricanes  
Eclipses  
Wildfires

Tornadoes  
Rain  
Drought  
Landslides

Sunshine  
Northern Lights  
Hail  
Floods



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God hold you through the darkest times. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Sit quietly in contemplation of the events of Holy Week.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Saturday, Matthew 27:62-66, *The Guard at the Tomb*