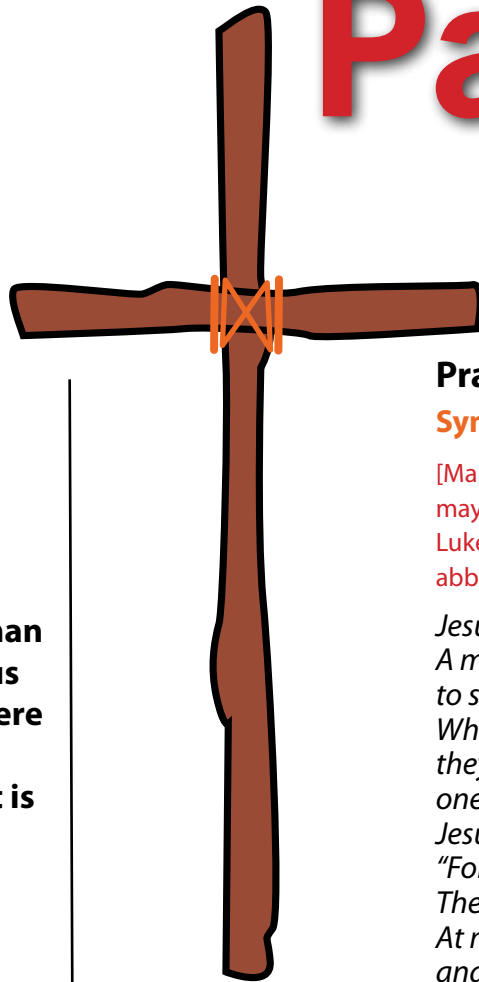


# The Lord's Passion



## For my sins

**It's easy to distance ourselves from Jesus' death, saying: he died for my sins, but there are people with worse sins than me. The truth is that Jesus would have died if you were the only one. Jesus' love for you is not abstract – it is personal and individual.**

## Good Friday Prayer Service

### Materials:

- 2 sticks and twine for each family member,
- paper and pens,
- fire proof bowl and matches.

### Directions:

Trim the two sticks so that one is about half the length of the other. Tie them into a cross using twine to make a figure 8 knot over the join.

## Prayer Space

### Symbol: cross

[Make the Sign of the Cross together. If you wish, you may do the Stations of the Cross. Then read Luke 23:26-56 from the family Bible or use this abbreviation]

*Jesus was handed over to be crucified. A man named Simon of Cyrene was made to shoulder the cross behind Jesus. When they came to the place called 'The Skull', they crucified Jesus with two others, one on either side.*

*Jesus said:*

*"Forgive them, Father.*

*They don't know what they are doing".*

*At midday the sun stopped shining and darkness covered the land until three o'clock.*

*Jesus cried out in a loud voice:*

*"Father, in your hands I place my spirit".*

*And he died.*

*Later his body was taken down and laid in a tomb*

*for the Sabbath was about to begin.*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

[Together respond]

### Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ!

[Look at your cross and think about how Jesus died for you, for your sins. After a few minutes, each person write a prayer of sorrow or a sin on their paper. Help younger children write something simple like: 'I'm sorry Jesus'. When everyone is ready say together]

**Jesus,**

**you are our Lord and Saviour,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us for our sins**

**and bring us to holiness. Amen.**

[One by one burn your prayers and sins.

Offer any individual prayers.

Make the Sign of the Cross]

