

LIVING WITH CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 28:	Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) (C) - red
Monday 29:	Monday of Holy Week - purple
Tuesday 30:	Tuesday of Holy Week - purple
Wednesday 31:	Wednesday of Holy Week - purple
Thursday, April 1:	Holy Thursday - white
Friday 2:	Good Friday - red
Saturday 3 :	Holy Saturday - purple
Sunday 4:	Easter Sunday (C) - white

4. *Why have you abandoned me?*

Psalms express the breadth and depth of human emotions. This psalm reflects the intensity of our anguish as we cry out to God.

Lenten Prayers for Today



It seemed to me that I never did anything to them,
Certainly nothing mean or hateful.
I always tried to understand everyone's point of view.
As team leader, it was my job to stimulate the group,
While trying to respect each person's personality.
Yet together, they condemn me -
Rejected me like an old rag.
Why did they abandon me?
God, why did you let them do this?

After I gave him all the love of my youth,
After ten years of tireless fidelity,
And two children who were our pride and joy,
He left without even a backward glance.
He had fallen in love with someone else.
In an instant my life shattered into a thousand pieces.
Why did he abandon me?
God, why did you let this happen?

I worked all my life up and I was finally able to retire.
I expected to enjoy years of peace and happiness.
But what began as a sore throat became a premonition of my fate.
My glands were affected and I started chemo.
I've lost my hair.
The odds of a cure are almost negligible.
Why me Lord, why now?
Why have you turned a deaf ear to my prayers?
Why have you left me languishing in my pain?

Lord, you seem so far away above us in heaven.
Do you see our pain and sadness?
Do you see our suffering, our failing bodies and breaking hearts?
Do you see our horrified and incredulous looks - victims through no fault of our own?
Our cries remain stifled in our throats.
Yet we call upon you – as did your Son during his time of crisis.
Why have you abandoned us?

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