



WEEK SIX

SPF: Say Prayers Frequently--and Read the Bible too!

As we continue to learn more about love and sacrifice, add the following to your family's prayer time this week.

*O Christ our God, bless our family with the kind of love that suffers long and is kind—a love that is strong enough to love the unlovely and wide enough to embrace all people for Your Name's sake. Let Your love guide us to rejoice in Your truth, bear the things You allow into our lives, believe completely in Your goodness, and endure all things. Help us to love those who hate us and have compassion on those who persecute us, that we may be found faithful on the day of judgment. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. – Adapted from the book by Annalisa Boyd, *The Ascetic Lives of Mothers*—Ancient Faith Publishing.*

As a family, go over the gospel passage and discuss the following discussion points (if you have younger children, please paraphrase for their understanding):

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands... Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS... Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

- John 19:1-37

- Briefly summarize this passage that narrates a critical moment of Christ's earthly ministry.
- What comes to mind when you think of the word sacrifice? How does this passage reflect sacrifice?
- How does this passage reflect love? What is the connection between love and sacrifice?

DIVE IN: Apostles Log

Week Six Journal Entry: Searching for Sacrifice

This week, we want you to find images that convey "sacrifice" to create a collage in your journal. You can use magazines, online images (as a family), or even take pictures of your own. As you work, always keep in mind the ultimate sacrifice—Christ accepting death on the Cross for our sins!

Take pictures, and don't forget to share with us!
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VITAMIN D: Memory Eternal

God has called us all to love with Christ-like love. Watch the following video on loving our enemies: <https://bit.ly/love-your-enemy>. You will need nine minutes to silently read through this Orthodox poem on love. If this is too difficult for smaller children, parents may watch and share smaller portions with them.

