

## Prayers for Palm Sunday.

We are meeting together as a household of God in this time of prayer. It's so hard to hold on to the fact when what we see is our 'separate'ness, where God sees our unity. In the activities below, linked to the prayers, remember that it may seem a little silly doing these things in our own homes, without all our brothers & sisters with us in view, but though God's Spirit in us, He sees our unity of heart & purpose!

What you will need - a coat (not your best one), an empty bottle of some kind & a photo of yourself, preferably one where you are smiling!

[Read Psalm 24, aloud if possible.](#)

Welcome the Lord as you seek to spend this time with Him by worshipping.....

[Praise is rising - https://youtu.be/ioL62cqH3iM](https://youtu.be/ioL62cqH3iM)

[Read Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Hosanna originally meant 'Save now' but by the time of Jesus had become a word associated with celebration. The double meaning of the word is not lost as we consider Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowd threw their cloaks down. As you spend time praising God for all His good gifts to you (yes, even in isolation & difficulty - remember the people of Jerusalem were under military rule & not 'free') throw your coat down on the floor! The act of throwing one's cloak down on the ground was a sign of homage and submission...of laying one's self down, in hopes that the coming King would be able to bring deliverance. Jesus has brought deliverance for us all through the cross & together we are declaring our faith in that truth!

- Praise God that He is the Almighty, everlasting God.
- Praise Him for the freedom we have to worship.
- Praise God that He is Lord, even when things don't look as we thought they would!
- Praise Him for His provision for us.
- Praise God that His perfect love can drive out our fears.
- Praise Him that He is our Shepherd, who cares for us.
- Praise God that He is in control, whatever the media says!

Raise a Hallelujah - <https://youtu.be/G2XtRuPfaAU>

Read Psalm 23:5 & Luke 19:41

God comes to us in the midst of our troubles & in the presence of our enemies. We are allowed to weep over things that are difficult – Jesus did.

Bring to Him in prayer & intercession those who are:

- On the frontline of caring for those sick with Coronavirus
- Sick themselves
- Vulnerable
- Frightened
- Finding life tough in isolation
- Part of the government & authorities trying to find a way forward.
- Grieving the sudden loss of loved ones.

As you ‘cry’ out to God for these people, some known to you, some unknown, take the bottle & remember the truth of [Psalm 56:8-9](#) “You.... put my tears into Your bottle—are they not in Your book? Then shall my enemies turn back in the day that I cry out; this I know, for God is for me. [Rom. 8:31.]”

Read Isaiah 61:1-3

For the one - [https://youtu.be/e\\_bj6mjUj7k](https://youtu.be/e_bj6mjUj7k)

As you listen to the song above, hold the picture of yourself. Ask God as you listen, what He wants you to do to show His love during this time. How can you, ‘even in just a smile’ show the Father’s love?

It might be video calling someone, ringing someone, sending someone a text, a note, a letter. Spend time allowing Him to show you what He is calling you to at this time. What is He asking of us as individuals that enables us to show His love?

Read aloud [Numbers 6:24-26](#) as we bless one another.