



## A Meditation for Palm Sunday March 28, 2021

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours  
in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 2:5]*

*Let us pray,*

Loving and Faithful God,

Standing humbly before your cross,

We ask for the grace to stay with you every day during this coming Holy Week;

Let us never leave your cross.

Open our eyes to those who are on the cross with you—

those whose lives have been devastated by the losses brought by the pandemic

those whose families have been torn apart by gun violence

those who have lost hope as a result of economic and social inequities

those who wait at our borders for freedom and restoration of their families

those who are wrongly imprisoned

those who have been abandoned by people they love

those who no longer know how to cry out to you

in anger or in sorrow

those whose addictions blind them

those whose illness paralyzes them

those we have betrayed, or ignored, or treated with disdain

those who hunger with no hope for food

those who thirst with no hope for water

those whose arms ache to embrace a beloved, with no hope of being held.

Open our hearts to your Wisdom, which is the only light for us.

Open our minds to your compassion, which is the only comfort for us.

When we become restless, may the arms of your cross hold us.

When we become weary, may the arms of your cross hold us.

When we want to turn away, may the arms of your cross hold us.

When our longing overwhelms us, may the arms of your cross hold us.

When our regrets pierce us too deeply, may the arms of your cross hold us.

When our hope fades, may the arms of your cross hold us.

In the shadow and silence of your cross may we find the peace

that passes all understanding.

**AMEN.**