

Guidance to Intercessory Prayer – April 2013

Happy Easter!

“For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3)

Pubudu Gee 51

The Lamb was the sacrifice then	-	Now it is Christ the Lord
The Link between then and now	-	It is the Passover
The Link between now and eternity	-	It is the Passover
Passover from the sea of sin	-	Receive the freedom of the Lord
The Link between then and now	-	It is the Passover
The Link between now and eternity	-	It is the Passover
Every moment is Easter	-	It is the Passover of Redemption from sin
The Link between then and now	-	It is the Passover
The Link between now and eternity	-	It is the Passover

Easter denotes the Passover. The Jewish Passover is that which God wrought for them using Moses as His instrument, from a state of slavery under the Pharaoh in Egypt, to the Promised Land, crossing the Red Sea

Our Easter dawned with suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a free will offering and sacrifice to God by the only Begotten Son of God as a redeeming sacrifice to atone for the consequences of sin brought on the whole human race by the disobedience of Adam and Eve

Jesus Christ is alive today and allows us to experience the joy of resurrection on a constant basis

Therefore, we in Pubuduwa experience Easter not as an annual commemoration, but on a daily basis in the day to day occurrences, by participating in our inner being in the suffering, death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by experiencing a death to our free will, our entitlements/rights, and our desires, etc. in order to take this Good News to everyone!

We experience God's unlimited/unceasing love for us to the extent we die to our sin, our will, our rights and desires.

As Intercessors let us pray constantly throughout this month for the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to experience the joy of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to take this Good News to others too for them to experience this joy in their lives in like manner

“Where, Death, is your victory?

Where, Death, is your power to hurt?

Death gets its power to hurt from sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

First Week: LexioDivina (meditative reading) – Col 3: 1-11

Special focus for intercession:-

Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit for every Christian to constantly stay connected to the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (spend around 20 minutes proclaiming this joy by engaging in praising, singing, clapping, dancing)

Other Intentions:

- Pray that the newly elected supreme leader of the Holy Catholic Church, Pope Francis, that he will receive the requisite Wisdom and physical, mental, and spiritual health
- For Swami Thaththa (Father Siri Oscar Abayaratne), Prophetic Community, the various functional ministries, Advisory Board, and all those who bear leadership roles in Pubuduwa
- For the 1st Sunday gathering of the families of the Community with special emphasis for the 'Servant of the Word'
- For the blessing/power of the Holy Spirit for the successful conduct of the continuous intercessory prayer commencing 1 April in preparation for the Feast of the Holy Spirit
- For all those who are responsible for the smooth functioning of the various aspects connected to the Feast of the Holy Spirit with special emphasis on the leaders of the respective committees
- other

Second Week: LexioDivina (meditative reading) – Gospel of Saint John 20:19-31

Special focus for intercession:-

Pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the entire Christian Community including the Pubudu Community to rise above sectarian divisions, to witness the Risen Lord Jesus Christ to others (for about 20 minutes)

Other Intentions:

- For all those who bear leadership positions in the Disciple Communities and Praise Villages
- For Subandi/Sabandi/Surandi/Sumadi communities and the Prabodhaya fellowship
- For the Student Camp scheduled to be held on 15th-16th April at Sri Prasansaramaya
- For the protection of our students, youth, and families from the sinful content being disseminated through publications, television, radio, internet, mobile phones, etc.
- For Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Missionaries, Laity
- Other

Third Week: LexioDivina (meditative reading) – Acts 5:27-32; 40-41

Special focus for intercession:-

Pray for our country (for about 20 minutes)

Other Intentions:

- For the Youth (males) who will be participating at the Retreats scheduled to be held on 20-21 April, 'Inner Healing' at Sri Prasansaramaya, and 'Prayer Guidance' at Matugama Centre

- For 25th of April, the Day planned for the dissemination of guidance for the conduct of the preparatory talks for the Feast of the Holy Spirit
- For all those taking leadership roles in the Pubudu Sectorial divisions, namely, Mothers/Fathers/Youth (males & females), Students (males & females), Children, etc.
- For the Pubudu Press, and Publication services
- For the Pubudu Offices, and Editors, and writers for the 'Walk In the Spirit' magazine in all three languages
- For the Overseas Pubudu Communities and specially for all those who take leadership roles in those communities
- For Pubudu 'AsiDisi' (Audio Visual) Media services and Electricity and other services
- For the Meal service at Sri Paransaramaya
- For Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and their Communities and Parishes
- Other

Fourth Week: LexioDivina (meditative reading) – Revelations 7: 9, 14-17

Special focus for intercession:-

'YadumBalakotuwa' (Prayer Fortress)

(Pray, Ordering the destruction of all the Divisive Spirits that leads to divisions, in Pubuduwa, in the Holy Church, the Nation, the World, ending with the Prayer Ordering the Devil)

Other Intentions:

- For all Teachers and Students
- For 28th of April, the Day set aside for training those selected to serve the Holy Eucharist
- For all the PubuduCentres, including Sri Prasansaramaya, Dharmaramaya, Ramyaramaya, and all those who serve in these Centres, and for all the services carried out by these Centres and all those who receive their services
- For all those who have done yeoman service in yesteryear, but are now unable to participate due to ill health, specially Hyacinth Amma, Edwin Thaththa, AnneslyThaththa
- For all those who serve in Hospitals and Medical Centres, Doctors, Nurses, Attendants, etc., and all those who are having serious illnesses and those receiving treatment in Intensive Care units
- Other

Fifth Week: LexioDivina (meditative reading) – Revelations 21:15

Special focus for intercession:-

Pray for the Subandi Community (spend around 20 minutes)

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