

# What makes this Friday ‘Good’?

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time,  
when we were still powerless,  
Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die  
for a righteous person,  
though for a good person  
someone might possibly dare to die.

<sup>8</sup> But God is demonstrating His own love  
for us in this:  
while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since, now, we have been justified  
by His blood,  
how much more, we will be saved  
from God’s wrath through Him!

<sup>10</sup> Since, while we were God’s enemies,  
we were reconciled to Him  
through the death of His Son.  
Having been reconciled, how much more,  
we will be saved through His life!

<sup>11</sup> Not only is this so,  
but we also rejoice in God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom  
we have now received reconciliation.

## 1. Christ died for a . . . . . 5:6

Christ died for me when I couldn’t . . . . .  
Jesus stated, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone  
who commits sin is a slave to sin.” John 8:34

Jesus died on the cross in weakness, but He now  
lives by the mighty power of God.  
We, too, are weak, but we live in Him and have  
God’s power. 2 Corinthians 13:4

Christ died for me when I really . . . . .  
When Christ died for me, I . . . . . help

## 2. Christ died for a . . . . . 5:7-9

Christ died to give me a . . . . . present. 8  
Those who have been born again into God’s family  
will not continue in habitual sin, because God’s  
life is in them - now. 1 John 3:9

Christ died to forgive my . . . . . past. 9a  
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of  
God, and all are justified freely by His grace  
through the redemption that came by Christ  
Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

Christ died to open up the . . . . . future. 9  
The word of the cross is folly to those who are  
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the  
power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

## 3. Christ died for a . . . . . 5:10-11

Christ died so I can look . . . . . 10

Christ died so I can look . . . . . 11

## My prayer for Good Friday 2020

Father God, we pause in the shadow of the cross  
to remember Your sacrificial love.

You are the Light that shines into the darkness.  
You are the Life that springs forth from death.  
You are the Truth that overturns the world’s lies.  
You took the punishment that we deserved, and  
forgave all our sin.

You are the Freedom that gives me release.  
You are the fullness that replaces my emptiness.  
You are my hope that rises out of despair.  
You gave us forgiveness instead of banishment.  
You opened Heaven when all we deserved was  
Hell.

You adopted us into your family when we were  
alone.  
Thank You for Jesus who endured everything evil  
so we now receive what is truly good.

Thank You for the cross where Jesus paid our  
debt.  
Thank You for Your grace that guarantees our  
salvation.

Thank You for Holy Spirit who is filling us with  
Your nature.  
Thank You for Your Word that guides us in Your  
ways.

Thank You for Your plan that grows me into  
Christ-likeness.  
Thank You for Your patience that waits while I am  
slow.

Thank You for Your kindness that picks me up  
when I fall.  
Thank You for giving me Your eternal life. Please  
now give me courage to live it with all the fullness  
my heart can muster. Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.