

## OPENING PRAYER

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
you gave us your Son,  
the beloved one who was rejected,  
the Saviour who appeared defeated.  
Yet the mystery of his kingship  
illuminates our lives.

Show us in his death  
the victory that crowns the ages,  
and in his broken body  
the love that unites heaven and earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## FINAL PRAYER

Loving Father,  
you are a God of mercy and compassion.

We thank you for sending  
your Son, Jesus, into our world  
to show and teach us how to love.  
When we walk through the  
Door of Mercy during this Holy Year,  
may we open our hearts to you  
so that we may reflect your love, mercy  
and compassion in our families,  
communities and parishes.

May we walk with Jesus  
through the 'streets of Galilee',  
comforting the sick, opening our arms  
to the 'little ones', sharing with the poor  
and searching out the marginalised in our society.

May it be a year when barriers between us fall  
and reconciliation becomes possible:  
a year when our faith in your mercy is strengthened  
and we learn how to be your face of mercy in our world.

**Amen**



WEEK FIVE

THE PASSION  
OF JESUS