Jesus Christ is Lord: A PraiseWalk Guide

The March for Jesus is traditionally a public procession of praise glorifying Jesus Christ, gathering many from different streams of Christ's body. Because of the Covid-19 crisis those plans have been shifted to **May 22, 2021**. Our praise and prayers today will be done by small groups in appropriate places. For more info see www.themarchforjesus.org.

On the morning of **May 30**, **2020**, we will unite our praise with seven expressions of praise and prayer that spring from Paul's letter to the Philippians. First, we will praise our Lord Jesus with truths in Philippians 2:5-15. Then, from Philippians 4:4-20, we will pray for the people of our communities, and other cities and countries, culminating at 12 noon with a gesture and confession that Jesus Christ is Lord.



Proclamations of Praise

A Declaration of Praise – from Philippians 2:5-15

The man named Jesus was and is God from eternity past, but at a crucial moment in history, having taken on the fullness of humanity, died for the sins of humanity and was raised from the dead. After His resurrection He was exalted and enthroned as King of all creation. He is now obediently loved and worshipped by billions of people. In soon-coming days He will be followed by some from every people and in every place.

Yours is the **Kingdom**: Exalted as King

"God highly exalted Him...that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." — Philippians 2:9, 11

Praise: You, King Jesus, are exalted in heavenly majesty, reigning over all humanity with love, wisdom and life-giving grace across the face of the earth.

Prayer: We pray that many more people will soon entrust themselves to You, King Jesus, to follow, love and serve You as their King.

Yours is the **Power**: Honored as the Servant

"He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men...He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross..." — Philippians 2:7-8

Praise: You, Lord Jesus, obeyed God the Father in perfect humility as God's long-promised Servant, fulfilling His promise and completing His purpose.

Prayer: We ask that Your Spirit would be upon us and Your mindset within us, so that we can be empowered to serve God's purpose with the same costly, beautiful and powerful humility.

Yours is the **Glory**: Glorified as Lord Over All

"God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth." – *Philippians 2:9-10*

Praise: You, Exalted One, are worthy to receive all power and authority from the Father to enact and fulfill His purpose. You are rightly named and acclaimed as greater than any other power or person. Your renown will increase to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer: We ask that news of Your saving Lordship will be proclaimed clearly to all men, women and children as never before. Bring about a triumph of truth, shining like the sun to dispel the deceptive darkness that imprisons us. May the glory of Your name increase. Become famous for Your goodness, power and love to guard and guide the sick, the poor and forgotten.

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Expressions of Prayer

We will pray for Christ's life, love and leadership to flourish throughout our community and many other cities and places. We will pray in accord with scriptures from Philippians 4:4-20.



A Prayer for Peace

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – *Philippians 4:7*

Prayer: We pray for the Lord Jesus to guard the hearts and minds of many with His peace.

A Prayer for Strength

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

Prayer: We pray for people to experience Christ's strength so that they will be strengthened through any physical sickness and be able to endure through difficulties.

A Prayer for Support

"Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction." - Philippians 4:14

Prayer: We pray for God's people to support those who are struggling, finding ways to share and lift burdens with them.

A Prayer for Supply

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." – *Philippians 4:19*

Prayer: We pray for God to supply needed financial resources and to bring a fresh flourishing of our economy.

A Confession and Gesture of Faith

As a tangible way of expressing love and faith in Jesus in accord with Philippians 2:10, "every knee will bow," you are invited to find a safe and appropriate place, public if possible, where you can **kneel at exactly 12 noon on Saturday, May 30**. Some may need to kneel in their homes, or just outside their front doors. For many, this will be a wonderful way to openly express devotion to Jesus.

While kneeling at noon, we will lift our hands before the Lord and declare "Jesus Christ is Lord!" Then, for at least one minute, we will remain in that posture, giving praise together to our Lord Jesus Christ.