

# 7 Words in a Crisis

Holy Week 2020

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This is a Holy Week we won't soon forget. Millions of people around the globe are suffering and dying at the hand of COVID-19. Churches, schools and businesses are closed down. Social Distancing laws keep us from breaking bread and doing life with extended family and friends.

They say this will be the hardest week of all for COVID-19 in the US. It might be the first time any of us have felt real longing, fear, uncertainty and grief during Holy Week. Now for the first time we might actually feel in our bodies and hearts what the disciples of Jesus felt that first Holy Week.

# 7 Last Words of Christ

It has been our custom to engage and remember the last days of Christ on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter Sunday), marking Christ's last meal with his disciples. All of Christendom also pauses on Good Friday to reenact and remember the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus.

This year, Hope Church, Pillar Church, BLVD Church, Calvaryon8th and MAM have partnered to provide 7 Words in Crisis. It is a multilayered, multimedia experience that provides a display for each phrase on church grounds, a brief meditation to watch and a pointing toward hope in this time of crisis.

# How Best to Engage

Look to your church website for the entire 7 word presentation.

View “7 Last Words of Christ-Holland, MI” on Youtube and share with friends.

Read the Biblical text yourself and view the display in this presentation.

Drive by the 5 churches between Thursday and Saturday to view displays.

Use this project to help you enter into the crisis of Holy Week.

# STATION 1

Rev. Amber Taylor BLVD Church 238 W. 15th Street Holland, MI

[https://youtu.be/JfYk5MoqP\\_k](https://youtu.be/JfYk5MoqP_k)

FATHER

Luke 23:34

forgive THEM  
for they know not what  
THEY DO

## “Father Forgive Them...” Luke 23:34

Jesus asks God to forgive those who mock him, who accuse him and who crucify him.

How will you extend grace to those who have done you wrong or hurt you?

COVID-19 Prayer:

Lord forgive those who do not take precautions to slow the spread of the virus. They do not know what they are doing.

# STATION 2

Rev. Denise Kingdom Grier Maple Ave. Ministries 427 Maple Avenue Holland, MI

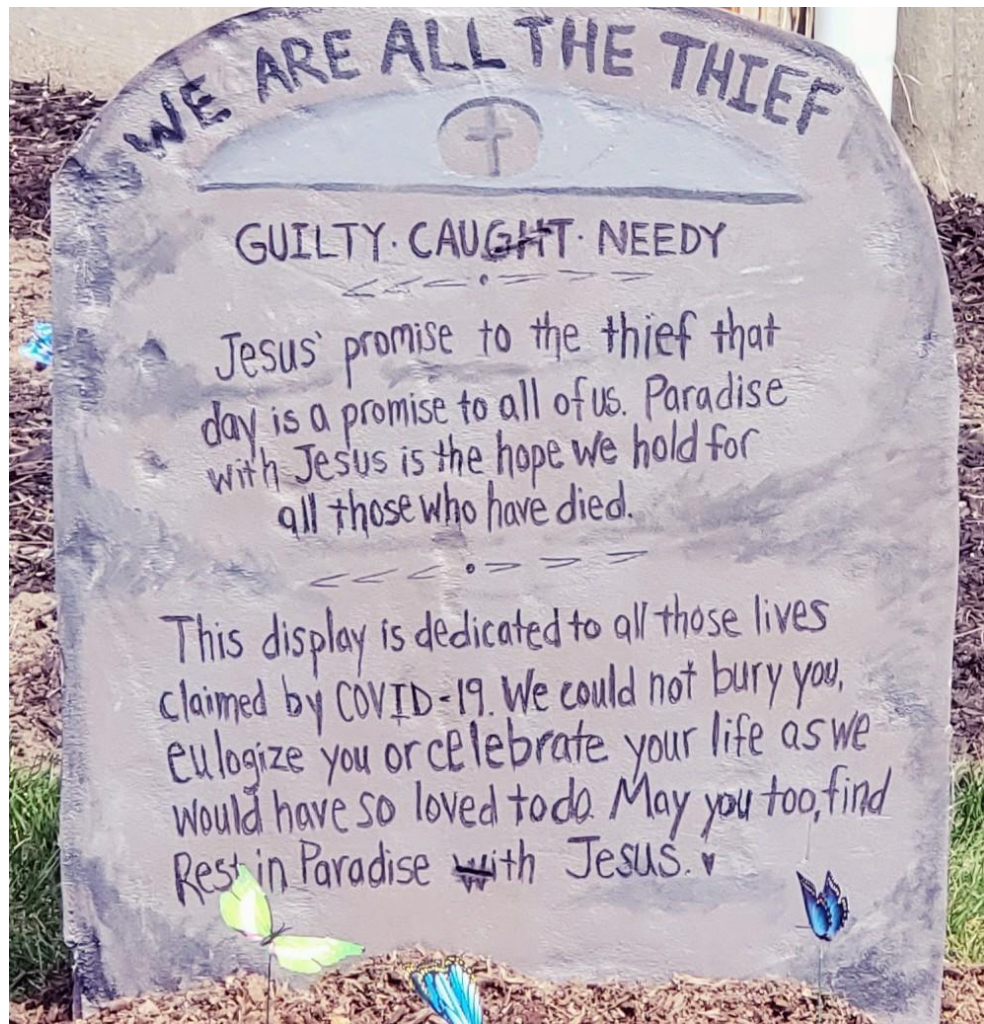
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Today  
You will  
be with  
ME in  
Paradise

WE ARE ALL THE THIEF  
GUILTY · CAUGHT · NEEDY  
Jesus' promise to the thief that  
day is a promise to all of us. Paradise  
with Jesus is the hope we hold for  
all those who have died.  
This display is dedicated to all those lives  
claimed by COVID-19. We could not bury you,  
eulogize you or celebrate your life as we  
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# “Today You Will Be With Me...” Luke 23:43

Press the speaker button below and listen to a first person poetic narrative of this text titled, The Thief.

What words or phrases from the poem lead you to confession?



COVID-19 Prayer: May the souls of those not yet funeralized or buried find rest in paradise with Jesus.

# STATION 3

Rev. Jenna Barber    57 E. 10th Street    Pillar Church    Holland, MI

<https://youtu.be/UJ8aYGE-fhI>



## “Woman Behold Thy Son...” John 19:26-27

Jesus with his dying breath offers John and Mary to enter into surrogacy with one another. In times of crisis families take different forms and invite new ways of living.

Who do you know who was abandoned by the death of a loved one and was taken in by someone who was not their family?

COVID-17: May children orphaned by this pandemic find open arms to receive them into new families.

# STATION 4

Rev. Ben Aguilera BLVD Church 238 W. 15th Street Holland, MI

<https://youtu.be/bwnSnepvZlw>

BLVD

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my God my God  
WHY HAVE YOU  
forsaken Me?  
Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34

why?

# “My God, My God, Why...” Matthew 27:46

Jesus cried out using the words of Psalm 22, a psalm of lament that characteristically begins with a visceral cry. God’s face has turned from the sin that Jesus has become for us.

Make a list of “Why questions” to ask God.

CORID-19 Prayer: Why this year? Why these people? Why so long, Oh Lord?



# STATION 5

Rev. Beth Carroll   Hope Church   77 West 11th Street   Holland, MI

<https://youtu.be/E19RxoD9pnl>



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CHURCH**

ORG. 1862

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**CHURCH SCHOOL**  
9:40 AM Everyone Welcome

MINISTERS

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THIRST

II Thirst  
John 19:28

## “I Thirst” John 19:28

Jesus, beaten by the scorching sun and tongue swollen from dehydration cries for what all humans need to survive. No one could deny the human nature of Christ whose flesh begged for the simplest form of sustenance.

What other ways does Jesus make known his humanity alongside his divinity?

COVID-19 Prayer: We thirst for a vaccine, a cure and most of all divine clarity for our human lives.

# STATION 6

Rev. Dan Carter Calvary on 8th 995 E. 8th Street Holland, MI

[https://youtu.be/\\_AQM4oUE6Xg](https://youtu.be/_AQM4oUE6Xg)



# “IT IS FINISHED” JOHN 19:30

Jesus came to fulfill God's perfect plan of salvation for whoever would believe. Jesus had done all he was assigned to do by the Father, the rest was up to God to do including raise him up on the third day.

What does this phrase mean for us as believers in Jesus?

COVID-19 Prayer: Lord, we know you are purposeful in all you do and allow. Let us be faithful to your timing and to complete the work you give us to do.

# STATION 7

Rev. Denise Kingdom Grier Maple Ave. Ministries 427 Maple Avenue Holland, MI

<https://youtu.be/1irEh-bc37I>





## “Father Into Your Hands...” Luke 23:46

God’s hands paint the stripes on the face of tigers, point sparrows south in fall. God’s hands caught Jesus’ spirit and sustains life for us all.

Draw a picture of God’s hands. They may be as big, as many, and as creative as you can imagine.

COVID-19: Father, please hold in your hands all those who offer their own hands for healing, protecting and providing in this season.

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE LINKS  
SIMPLY SEARCH

“SEVEN LAST WORDS  
OF CHRIST HOLLAND, MI”

ON YOUTUBE.