

# Good Friday Home Liturgy

*For individual or small group use*

## Opening

*Light a candle, if desired. Begin in silence.*

*Leader or Reader:*

Today we remember the suffering and death of Jesus. We gather not to rush to Easter, but to pause at the cross.

## Prayer

God of all compassion,  
we come in stillness to this day of sorrow and mystery.  
Hold us in your mercy as we remember the pain of the cross.  
Be present with us in the shadows,  
and speak to us through the silence.  
Amen.

## Reading 1: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

*The Suffering Servant*

*Pause for silence afterward – 1–2 minutes.*

## Reading 2: John 19:16–30

*The Crucifixion*

*After reading, observe silence again.*

## Reflection Questions (choose one or two if in a group):

- What phrase or image stood out to you?
- How does this story speak into the world we live in today?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus did not turn away from suffering?

## Response – A Time of Prayer

*You may pray aloud or silently. Use these prompts if helpful:*

- For the suffering in our world...
- For those who feel abandoned or afraid...
- For courage to face injustice and grief...
- For hope that does not depend on circumstances...

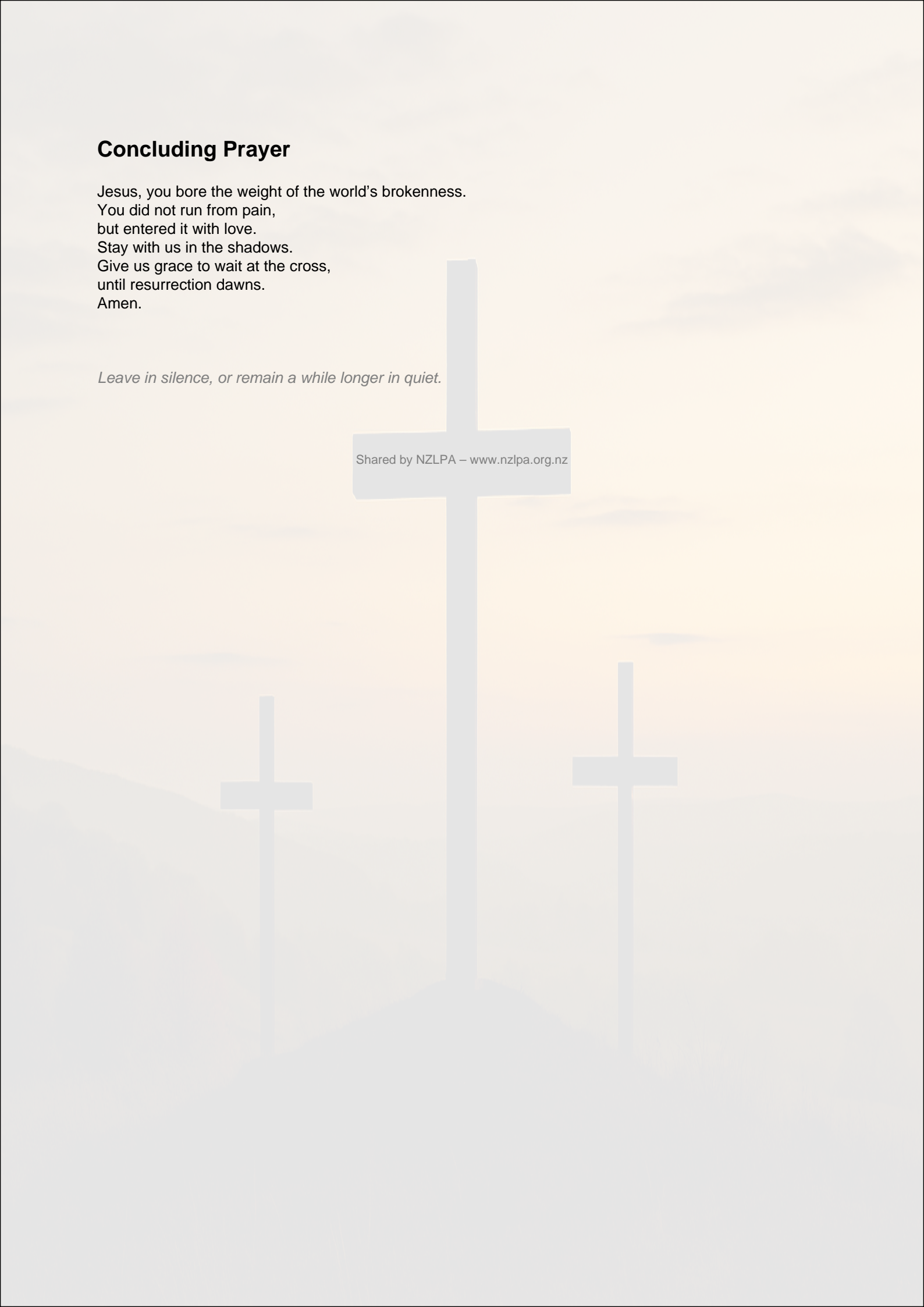
*God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## Concluding Prayer

Jesus, you bore the weight of the world's brokenness.  
You did not run from pain,  
but entered it with love.  
Stay with us in the shadows.  
Give us grace to wait at the cross,  
until resurrection dawns.  
Amen.

*Leave in silence, or remain a while longer in quiet.*

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The background of the page is a soft-focus photograph of three crosses on a hill. The crosses are made of simple wooden beams. The central cross is the tallest and most prominent. Two smaller crosses are positioned to the left and right of the central one. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sky, likely at sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The hills in the background are silhouetted against the light sky.