

Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday



*Adapted from the original
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- L: The night and day are dark and difficult.
This man did not deserve to be hit and spat upon—
denied, forsaken, mocked.
- P: **Crucify him! Crucify him!**
- L: This is the hardest part of the journey—Jesus betrayed,
arrested, brought before the authorities, tried and condemned.
Beaten, rejected, a crown of thorns pressed on his brow,
and the crowd chants “Crucify him!”
- P: **Crucify him! Crucify him!**
- L: Head bowed down, the Lord of life is condemned to die.
O Lord, was this for us?
- P: **God, forgive us for all the ways we have left you
and not followed you and your ways.**
- L: It is finished. The temple veil torn. The world is dark. Silence.
- L: Let us pray.
- All: **God of truth, keep us from
being distracted from following you,
until the journey is complete, and
death is trampled down by death
and eternal life is given to all.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.**



Zarmina's Story

In many parts of the world, girls face
barriers to education and opportunities to earn a living.

In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a
girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. Wanting to improve
her daughters' lives, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with
PWS&D's local partner in Afghanistan.

After the workshop, Zarmina shared what she had learned about a child's
right to an education with village leaders and other mothers and fathers.
As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports
girl's education.

“We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our
community but in the entire country,” Zarmina shares.

This Lenten season
faithfully respond
with PWS&D as we
educate and train
communities on the
importance of
gender equality and
girls' education.

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