

The Seven Words of Jesus¹

Greeting - Solo - Greater Love²

Preface

Forgiveness - Luke 22:33-34

As you forgave those who harmed you, and those who silently watched, help us to suffer forgiveness for one another. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Salvation - Luke 22:39-43 - Amazing Grace #378

As you offered words of promise to the criminal, may we also hear you offer words of promise to us. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Relationship - John 19:26-27 - Blessed Be the Tie That Binds #557

As you helped Mary, your mother, and John, your friend, remain in the embrace of your heart, help us to experience your love in suffering. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Abandonment - Matthew 27:45-46 - Solo - "Why Has God Forsaken Me"³

As you cried out to God in anguish, help us to cry out to you, trusting you to hear, and understand. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Distress - John 19:28

As you thirst for our love, our attention, our ardent devotion, help us to quench your thirst with our lives, with our total trust, with our intimate attachment to you. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Triumph - John 19:29-30 - Old Rugged Cross - 504

As you finished the demands of holy love--a body broken, a soul crucified—help us to find our wholeness in you. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Reunion - Luke 23:44-46 - Reprise - Greater Love

As you enter the realm of death, may we trust that you usher us into the realm of life. Join our heart to yours, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Dismissal

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