

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?
**Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother.**

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

Amen.

436, “The Seven Words”

CW 436 v. 3

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45, 46

Sentences and Prayer

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
**Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of
anguish?**

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go
down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.”

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

Amen.

436, “The Seven Words”

CW 436 v. 4

Fifth Word

John 19:28, 29

Sentences and Prayer

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof
of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.

They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

Amen.

436, “The Seven Words”

CW 436 v. 5

Sixth Word

John 19:30

Sentences and Prayer

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.
I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

Amen.

436, "The Seven Words"

CW 436 v. 6

Seventh Word

Luke 23:44–46

Sentences and Prayer

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name

and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

Amen.

436, "The Seven Words"

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Passion History Reading

Lesson 7

437, "Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor"

CW 437

Stand

Prayer of the Day

Lord's Prayer

Be seated

Dismissal Statement

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Amen.

The congregation exits in silence.