

PRAYER IN THE HOME

EASTER DAY: SUNDAY 17 APRIL

GATHERING

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Christ has ascended on high.

He reigns for ever. Alleluia.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. Alleluia.

Let us light a candle to remember that God's light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

May the light of Christ, risen, ascended and glorified, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Easter Day

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,

fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

² **Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:**

¹⁶ 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

BIBLE READING Luke 24:1-12

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**
Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.**

Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith.