



**Daily Prayer in
the Easter Season
20th – 25th April**

You may wish to prepare by lighting a candle, taking deep breaths, focussing on the cross, or a flower, the Name of Jesus... Choose to set down all concerns. Switch off your mobile phone! God is eternal – take time, He's in no hurry!

Prepare your hearts and minds on God

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Give thanks and praise God

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Listening to the living Word of God

The readings remain the same for the whole Easter season, we encourage you to use this opportunity to go deeper with God as you re-read them each week.

Psalms: MONDAY: Ps.30, TUESDAY: Ps.66:1-11,
WEDNESDAY: Ps.106:1-12, THURSDAY: Ps.111,
FRIDAY: Ps.145:1-8, SATURDAY: Ps.146.

**Short Old/ New Testament reading
(see next page for daily readings)**

Easter verse for reflection:

Jesus said, 'This is the will of him who sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given
me, but raise it up on the last day.' *John 6.39*

Pause for a time of silence to reflect

Interceding

Let us pray to God in Christ, our Saviour.

Lord Jesus, we thank and praise you for each new day that we have and the opportunities and time it brings us. Help us today to complete the tasks that need to be done, but also to find a still, quiet space to simply be with you and dwell in your presence.

Lord Jesus, we pray for the practical and emotional needs that are so prevalent in our world right now. We pray that you will show your constant goodness and faithfulness and provide the PPE equipment, food, mental health support and fellowship that is needed in this time.

Lord Jesus, thank you for the community we can find being part of your Church. We ask that you work through the new ways of meeting together to bring fullness of life and we pray expectantly for you to grow your family across the world.

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten
Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of
his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silent prayer or a time of open prayer...

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To conclude

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. *Amen.*
Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Monday: Zephaniah 3.14-18

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Tuesday: I Corinthians 15.42-44a,47-49

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Wednesday: Colossians 3.1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Thursday: Luke 24.28-32

As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Friday: Job 19.23-27a

Job said, 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

Saturday: Revelation 1.12,13,17,18

I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.'