



**Daily Prayer in
the Easter Season
13th – 18th 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 God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there

also.

Give thanks and praise God

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;

today I am glorified with him.

Yesterday I was dead with Christ;

today I am sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday I was buried with him;

today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

Listening to the living Word of God

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, turn our eyes to you today as we remember your victory over death! And as we look to you, stir our hearts to proclaim your greatness, majesty and sovereignty as our risen King.

Lord Jesus, thank you for this awesome and beautiful world we live in. Thank you that, because of the recent changes, our environment is benefitting. Help us to better meet our responsibility to care for our planet.

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are struggling with hopelessness and feeling surrounded by darkness. You are the light of the world, lead these people to find hope and joy in you and to recognise your light in their lives.

Lord Jesus, you are full of love and perfect love drives out fear. We pray for those who are afraid of death and those becoming increasingly aware of their mortality, that they may find faith through the resurrection. Help us all to remember at Easter how you conquered death on the cross!

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever.
Amen

from the Easter Vigil

Silent prayer or a time of open prayer...

Lord's Prayer

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.

To conclude

May the risen Christ give us his peace.

Alleluia. Amen.

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.'