



Easter Season Daily Prayer

*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.*

Psalm 139.7

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:

On any day: Psalm 118: 14-24 (or)

Sunday: Psalm 114

Monday: Psalm 30

Tuesday: Psalm 66:1-11

Wednesday: Psalm 106:1-12

Thursday: Psalm 111

Friday: Psalm 145:1-8

Saturday: Psalm 146

Short Old/ New Testament reading

(see next page for daily readings)

Verse for reflection: Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Pause for a time of silence to reflect

Prayers

Intercession may include these concerns:

- *The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord*
- *God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care*
- *Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ*
- *Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection*
- *Prisoners and captives*

Prayer

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

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 give us his peace.
Alleluia! Amen.

Short readings

Sunday: I Peter 1.3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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.'

Or, on any day in Easter: John 6:39

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.'

Notes on reflections, what you are sensing God is saying to you/ answers to prayer

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