



Daily Prayer for the Season of Easter

Preparation

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

We Confess

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8,*

God of Mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of what we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

Praise

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ
today I am glorified with him.
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing his resurrection.
Yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

The Word of God

Psalm 118.14-24 or the Psalm set for the day may be used

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. [R]

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.

At the end of the Psalm

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Either the daily reading may be used or

Sunday

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.

1 Peter 1.3-5

Monday

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. *Zephaniah 3.14-18*

Tuesday

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. If there is a physical body, there is also 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.

1 Corinthians 15.42-44a, 47-49

Wednesday

So 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.

Colossians 3.1-4

Thursday

As they came near the village to which they were going, he 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?’

Luke 24.28-32

Friday

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. My heart faints within me!

Job 19.23-27a

Saturday

Then 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.

Revelations 1.12,13,17,18

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called children of God

A Canticle may be said.

Morning – Jubilate Deo

1. O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before the presence with a song
2. Know that the Lord is God:
it is he that hath made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise:
give thanks to him and bless his Name.
4. For the Lord is gracious, his steadfast love is everlasting:
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Evening - Nunc Dimittis

1. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.
2. My own eyes have seen salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
3. A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

At the end

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

We Believe

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers

Any or all of the following may be used, open prayer may be offered, and silence may be kept. The Collect and Lord's Prayer follow.

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

We pray to you Lord

That all people may receive the good news of his victory:

We pray to you Lord

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection:

We pray to you Lord

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

We pray to you Lord

That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ:

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen**

Daily Prayer

The pandemic

Lord God, carer of all people, creator, sustainer and healer;

We pray for all who have contracted Covid-19. Be with them and their loved ones and bring healing to their bodies. We pray for all medical staff and emergency services as they look after the physical health, worries and concerns of their patients, especially the vulnerable and particularly those who have reduced contact with the outside world. Let us be good neighbours, looking out and after each other. We remember the work of scientists, discovering and testing vaccines for this disease, and we pray for all of us, caught up in our everyday lives, with the effects of these outbreaks, Bless your world Lord, and help us to be blessings to one another, in Jesus name.

Amen

For the morning

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by your governance, to always be righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *BCP*

or evening

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *BCP*

The world's pain

O Lord, so many sick, so many staving, so many deprived, so many say, so many fearful:

when I look at them my heart fails;

when I look at you I hope again.

Help me to help you to reduce the world's pain,

God of infinity compassion, O ceaseless energy of love. **Amen.** *George Appleton*

For those in authority

Heavenly Father, we pray for our Queen and for all those under her who guide and govern our national Life. Fill them with the fear of your holy name, that they may be set free from the fear of man. Help them in every situation to know and do the thing that is right and good, and overrule all their deliberations for the welfare of our people and for your glory. Amen Frank Colquhoun

For those who mourn

Almighty God, Lord of life and vanquisher of death, we praise you for the sure and certain hope of eternal life which you have given us in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; and we pray that all who mourn the loss of those dear to them may enter into his victory and know his peace; for his name's sake. **Amen.** *Frank Colquhoun*

For those who serve

Lord God, you have bound us together in this bundle of life: give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, industry and integrity of our fellow beings; that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their services and faithful in our responsibilities to them. **Amen.**

Reinhold Niebuhr

The Collect of the day or the following prayer is said

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**

The 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

May the Risen Christ give us his peace.

Alleluia. Amen

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