



**PRAYER OF AN
EASTER PEOPLE**

Apart but together

This prayer can be prayed alone or with others in your home from Easter Sunday onwards through the days of Easter.


Prepare a small altar in your home – candles, flowers, bible, crucifix

Opening: In these Easter days we pray before the Lord.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

As Easter people we pray...

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Scripture: Matthew 28:5-6

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."

Scripture: Luke 24:30-31

When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him.

REFLECTION:

The sadness of Good Friday is easy to grasp: pain, death, the cross, letting go... this year in particular we can feel it is more Good Friday than Easter Sunday with isolation, sickness, fear, anxiety and death around us.

Yet we are called to Easter – to be a people of hope.

We are people who come to pray because we believe – because we live the resurrection now in our hearts and in our spirits ... because we recognise Jesus now. In partnership with Christ we are called to proclaim his message of hope, his good news of resurrection and to share our joy with others.

Together we are called to build the kingdom here and now...to be hope, to be love, to be joy for all people that they too might come to know the message of Christ alive, here and now, in this place, in our time, today...

We turn to God in prayer – for our needs and the needs of the world around us –

Our Father...

CLOSING PRAYER:

Christ Jesus, you call us to bring your joy to the world, alleluia!

You invite us to be your Body on earth, alleluia!

You mission us to reach out to others in hope and love, alleluia!

You empower us with your Spirit to reveal your presence to the people of our time and place, alleluia!

You call us to witness to resurrection today, alleluia!

Guide our footsteps with the light of Easter faith that we may walk in your way today. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who has risen from the dead, Amen. Alleluia!

Remember to extinguish the candle in your prayer space