

## PRAYER FOR SPRING

God, give us eyes to see  
the beauty of the Spring,  
And to behold Your majesty  
in every living thing -  
And may we see in lacy leaves  
and every budding flower  
The Hand that rules the universe  
with gentleness and power -  
And may this Easter grandeur  
that Spring lavishly imparts  
Awaken faded flowers of faith  
lying dormant in our hearts,  
And give us ears to hear, dear God,  
the Springtime song of birds  
With messages more meaningful  
than man's often empty words  
Telling harried human beings  
who are lost in dark despair -  
'Be like us and do not worry  
for God has you in His care.  
Amen

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# EASTER PRAYER

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## **Opening Declaration**

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

## **Opening Scripture**

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life’.

John 3:16

## **Prayer**

We thank you  
that Easter is not about  
a people, but all people,  
that your love  
and your Salvation  
are for all who confess  
with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty  
because Jesus is risen,  
that we might know  
forgiveness,  
that lives might be  
reborn and your name  
glorified now and for eternity.

Amen

## **Words from Scripture**

‘When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the

miracles they had seen: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Luke 19:37-38

While they were eating Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take it, this is my body”.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many” he said to them’.

Mark 14: 22-24

“Abba Father, Jesus said, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will”.

Mark 14:36

‘Finally, Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So, the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him.’

John 19:16-17

## **Words from the Hymn**

### **My Song is Love Unknown,**

My Saviour’s love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.

O who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

## **Silence**

‘The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen”.

Matthew 28:7

## **Closing Prayer**

God of Promise and God of Hope,  
who through your great mercy  
have granted us new birth  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus  
Christ, we praise your wonderful name!  
God of Glory and God of Might  
who through your great power  
have granted us new strength  
to endure all things through faith in Christ  
our risen King, we praise your wonderful  
name!

## **Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord  
Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give us  
joy and peace in our faith

**AMEN**