



# Prayers for Easter

Lord, in the sorrowful times of our lives, help us to remember that although our weeping may last through the night, if we seek to do what is right, You will come to us, like the bright shining of a cloudless morning after rain, and we will know the joy of Your presence in our lives. Amen. (see Psalm 30 & 2 Samuel 23)

Lord, God, Jesus Christ, Help us to listen to the words You speak to us, as You spoke to Mary Magdalene long ago in a beautiful garden on the first Easter morning. You tell us not to be afraid. You tell us to rejoice. And You call each one of us by our names. Help us to turn to You with our eyes open and clear and say, Rabboni, recognizing You as our Teacher, our Creator, and our Savior. Amen. (see Matthew 28 and John 20)

O Lord Jesus Christ, You create all things new, You bring life where death once reigned, joy in place of sorrow, courage to uplift the failing human heart, and peace in times of turmoil. O Lord, open us to the joyful truth of Easter. Lead us into its wonder, and let us be inspired and encouraged. May Your victory strengthen our obedience to Your Word, Your resurrection move us to higher aims and hopes. Heal us and stir us to new efforts of charity and usefulness. At Easter let there be compassion and forgiveness, repentance and self-searching, as people with gladdened hearts remember Your victory. Amen