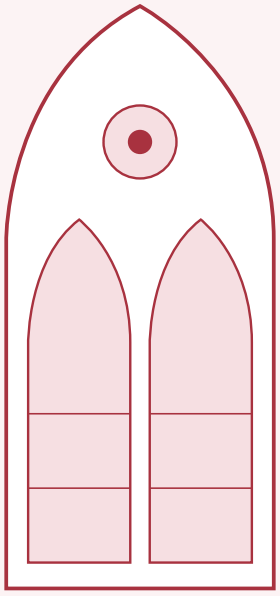
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# Easter prayers

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## Easter Sunday prayer

PRAYER Father, on the first day of the week the women came to the tomb and found the stone rolled away. You raised your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead. He is alive forever. He was raised for our justification, and through him we have peace with you. Keep our hearts on the risen Lord through this whole day, at church, at the table and at home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A short Easter prayer for the morning

ALL PRAY **Father, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and the tomb is empty. Thank you for the living hope we have in him. Help us worship you today with glad hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## A short Easter prayer for those who grieve

ALL PRAY **Father, Jesus died and rose again, and you will bring with him those who sleep in him. Comfort us as we grieve this Easter. Keep our hope on the day of his coming. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## A short Easter prayer for the day

ALL PRAY **Father, Jesus Christ is alive, and death has no more power over him. Thank you for this day and for every good gift in it. Set our minds on things above, where Christ is. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## A short Easter prayer for a family

ALL PRAY **Father, you have gathered us as a family on this resurrection day. Jesus Christ is our living hope. Help us love one another and speak of him with gladness. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Easter dinner prayer for a family table

ALL PRAY **Father, you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and in him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Thank you for the meal set before us and for those who prepared it. Bless our time at this table. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Easter dinner prayer for guests

ALL PRAY **Father, we come to this table on the day of resurrection. Thank you for the food before us and for Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and was raised on the third day. Make us grateful and generous. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Easter prayer for family

PRAYER Father, today we remember that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Thank you for the family you have given us, and make each of us your child through faith in him. Where we have been short with one another, forgive us. Help us speak gently, share what we have and keep our hope in the risen Lord. Draw near to the family members who cannot be with us today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Easter prayer for children

ALL PRAY **Father, thank you for Easter. Thank you that Jesus died for us and that you made him alive again. The tomb is empty. Help me to be kind and to tell my friends that Jesus is alive. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Easter sunrise service prayer

PRAYER Father, just after sunrise on that first Easter the women went to the tomb and heard, “He has risen! He is not here!” We gather at this hour to say the same. Thank you for the light of this morning and for the light of Christ, which the darkness has not overcome. Send us from this place to tell our neighbors that he is alive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Opening prayer for Easter Sunday

ALL PRAY **Father, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us new birth into a living hope. We come to worship the risen Lord. Forgive our dull hearts and our wandering minds. Teach us to listen to your Word, to answer you with praise and to serve our neighbors gladly. Give this congregation the joy of your salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Pastoral prayer for Easter Sunday

PRAYER

Father, we praise you for raising Jesus Christ, your Son, from the dead. He died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and you raised him on the third day. Because he is risen, we have a living hope and a Savior who intercedes for us. Thank you for the people you have gathered in this room and for the neighbors we will meet this week. Comfort those who mourn this Easter, especially families for whom this is the first without someone they love. Strengthen the sick, the lonely and the anxious. Give our pastors and teachers words that are faithful to your Word. Send us to tell the good news to people who have not heard it, and make this church a place where the risen Christ is honored. Keep our eyes on the day when he returns and we see him face to face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Closing prayer for Easter Sunday

PRAYER

Father, your Son is risen, and the work we do for him is never wasted. Make us steadfast and immovable, and keep us at the Lord's work this week until he comes again. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The benediction spoken over the people

HEBREWS 13:20-21

> 20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant
> brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
> 21 equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us
> what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and
> ever. Amen.

## The angel at the tomb

READ MATTHEW 28:5-7

> 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are
> looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; He has risen, just as He
> said! Come, see the place where He lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell His disciples,
> ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you
> will see Him.’ See, I have told you.”

## The gospel Paul received

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-5

> 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died
> for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that He was buried, that He was raised
> on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas
> and then to the Twelve.

## New birth into a living hope

READ 1 PETER 1:3-5

> 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He
> has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
> Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
> and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by
> God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.