

## DAILY PRAYER IN APRIL

- 5<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY – that Holy Week may enrich our faith
- 6<sup>th</sup> Those in government having to make so many difficult decisions
- 7<sup>th</sup> Family relationships under strain during this time of isolation
- 8<sup>th</sup> Our Bishops – Andrew and Jo and our Archdeacon Paul
- 9<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY – strength to be of real service to others
- 10<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY – the innocent who suffer persecution and torture
- 11<sup>th</sup> EASTER EVE – thanksgiving for the Light of Christ in our world
- 12<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY – praise to God for fresh hope and new life in Jesus
- 13<sup>th</sup> Medical teams working on the frontline during this crisis
- 14<sup>th</sup> Those who are feeling very lonely and anxious at home
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thanks for the renewal of spring and for the open spaces around us
- 16<sup>th</sup> Thanks for all who have volunteered to help others in this crisis
- 17<sup>th</sup> Scientists working to produce a vaccine against the virus
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ambulance crews and Paramedics having to put themselves at risk
- 19<sup>th</sup> Those working in pharmacies and the staff at our Health Centres
- 20<sup>th</sup> Headteachers and staffs at our schools organising home learning
- 21<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY OF H.M. THE QUEEN – thanks for her example of faith
- 22<sup>nd</sup> The Police and Community Support Officers
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ST GEORGE, patron of England – thanks for his example of courage
- 24<sup>th</sup> Supermarkets, Farm Shops and all food suppliers
- 25<sup>th</sup> Industry, working to provide urgent hospital equipment
- 26<sup>th</sup> Those who suffer from depression, anxiety and other issues

- 27<sup>th</sup> Delivery and courier workers getting essential supplies to people
- 28<sup>th</sup> People with other medical conditions who are struggling at this time
- 29<sup>th</sup> Those worried about their employment after this crisis
- 30<sup>th</sup> People struggling financially – personally, and those in business

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## SOME EASTER MEDITATIONS

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

### THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

*Read Luke 24 v 28 – 35 and pause to reflect on it*

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,  
for you are with us, even when our eyes are closed to your companionship.  
Walk this day alongside the disconsolate and the despairing,  
open their eyes to your gentle illumination,  
and let their hearts burn within them at your invisible presence.  
To you, Lord Jesus, walking by our side,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

*Read Luke 24 v 36 – 43 and pause to reflect on it*

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,  
for in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace,  
and in your resurrection you breathe into your people  
peace beyond this world's understanding.  
Be present, Lord, this day with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict  
and those whose hearts know no peace. To you, Lord Jesus,  
true bringer of the peace of heaven,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## JESUS PROMISES THE SPIRIT

*Read Luke 24 v 44 – 49 and pause to reflect on it*

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you promised that the same power that was at work when you were raised from the dead would also be alive in us.

Show your power to those who are powerless; reveal your love to those who feel unlovely and through your Spirit enable all your people to be witnesses of your amazing grace.

To you, Lord Jesus, daily renewing your people and your creation, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## JESUS COMMISSIONS THE DISCIPLES

*Read John 20 v 21 – 23 and pause and reflect on it*

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us.

Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead.

To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF TO THOMAS

*Read John 20 v 24 – 29 and pause and reflect on it*

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you come to us even in our doubting.

Through the sovereign work of your Spirit, and the loving hands of your people, continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger than faith.

To you, Lord Jesus, whose resurrection body bears the murderous marks of the cross, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

## AN ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows. Then:*

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do.

Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. 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. Alleluia.

*Read Psalm 104 v 1& 21-33 or Psalm 91 and/or Psalm 134*

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. *(Revelation 22.4,5)*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia, as he promised to us. Alleluia.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. 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.

Almighty God, by triumphing over the powers of darkness Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem: may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, praise him in the eternal city of which he is the light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us. May he watch over us and renew us as he renews the whole of creation. May our hearts and lives echo his love.

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety. Amen. Alleluia.