

Prayer in the Easter Season

Leader: O Radiant Dawn, shine forth in glory!

All: Christ has burst forth from the tomb.

Leader: Give praise, O peoples of the earth.

All: Death is overcome, God triumphs. Alleluia!

Reading: John 21: 15-19

Pause for reflection

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: Christ, first born from the dead, you triumphed over sin and set all humankind free. Risen Savior, free us to live in newness of life as daughters and sons of God.

Risen Savior, you burst through the bonds of death to show us the power of God:

All: Give us the strength to break through attitudes that keep us from serving others.

Leader: Risen Savior, you have a special care for the poor and suffering:

All: Use us as your instruments for the poor and suffering of our time.

Leader: Risen Savior, you rise to banish alienation and bring all peoples into unity:

All: Bring unity among us, that they may be of one heart and one mind in you.

Leader: Risen Savior, by your rising you vanquish death and wipe away all tears:

All: Accompany our brothers and sisters who are dying and bring them into your eternal light.

Leader: Let us conclude our prayer together:

May God, source of every grace and blessing, encourage our hearts and strengthen them in every good word and work, through Jesus our Risen Savior. Amen

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For reflection

- What about Peter draws me to him? Why?
 - What about Peter do I find hard to take? Why?
 - What do I have in common with Peter?
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- I will ask Peter to tell me how he felt after denying Jesus. I will ask him how I can forgive myself for the times I have denied Jesus, and how to keep on trying to live my life for Him.