



## *Easter People*

Be with us Lord, as we continue our  
pilgrim journey as an Easter  
people.

Guide our footsteps with the light of  
Easter faith,

That we may walk in your ways.

We ask this through Christ our  
Lord,

Who has risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

Amen.

-Donal Harrington & Julie Kavanagh,  
*Prayers for Parish Groups*

## *Easter is the gift...*

Easter is the gift of HOPE  
Easter is the gift of PEACE  
Easter is the gift of LOVE  
Let us rejoice in Him,  
Who gives them all.  
May God bless you at Easter,  
And keep you all year through,  
May God give you all the faith it takes,  
To make your dreams come true,  
May God's love and wisdom always help,  
to guide you on your way.  
May God's light shine down upon you  
now, to bless your Easter Day.

—Author Unknown

"The story of Easter is the  
story of God's wonderful  
window of divine surprise."

-Carl Knudsen

## *Easter Promise*



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*In these days after Easter, we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord. We are called to see the world through the eyes of the resurrection. We live with the knowledge that we will rise again.*



## Easter Morning

*A Prayer for 6 voices*

1. Early, O very early, O earth,  
When darkness faded, faded, faded  
In the morning's first light  
First light shone so bright  
Shone so bright on those women
2. But the tomb was empty/  
Empty of understanding  
Empty of expectation  
Empty of reason  
In that place:
  1. Where despair turned to hope
  2. Where hope turned to wonder
  1. Where wonder turned to awe
  2. Where awe turned to joy
  1. Where joy turned faith
  2. Where faith turned to love
1. The women spoke:  
2. And love will pour forth  
2,3 And love will spread like perfume  
2,3,4 And love will pass from heart to heart  
2,3,4,5 And love will take root in the soils of  
justice

2,3,4,5,6 And love will put blossoms on the tree of  
omelition

1. And that tree of wisdom will teach us to walk in  
paths of wisdom, truth and beauty.
3. Yes, we will stumble,
4. Yes, we will fall,
5. Yes, we will be broken
6. Yes, we will walk on.
1. On that morning that bright, bright morning,
2. On this morning, this bright, bright morning.

-L.M.

## Easter Litany

- Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us to bring your joy into  
the world.  
All: Alleluia!
- Leader: You invite us to be your body on earth.  
All: Alleluia!
- Leader: You mission us to reach out to the fearful and  
the weak.  
All: Alleluia!
- Leader: You empower us to reveal your presence to a  
weary world.  
All: Alleluia!
- Leader: You enliven us to enter deeper into a life as-  
sured of resurrection.  
All: Alleluia!

-Donal Harrington & Julie Kavanagh,  
Prayers for Parish Groups

## Easter Blessing

May we be blessed by the touch of spring,  
rain falling from the heavens washing us clean,  
telling us that life is sacred;

May we be blessed by the sight of spring;  
flowers breaking through winter's crust, telling  
us that life is beautiful;

May we be blessed by the sound of children  
playing in the garden yelling with happiness,  
telling us that life is joyful;

May we be blessed by the taste of Easter eggs hid-  
den and then found telling us that life is sweet;

May we be blessed by the smell of Easter bread  
baking in the oven, awakening our senses, tell-  
ing us that life is good;

May we be blessed by memory this Easter time,  
of loved ones, of loved places, telling us that  
Your love is always here.

-LM

