

EASTER REFLECTIONS



“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

- Luke 28.5-9

An Easter Reflection

Holy God, Give peace and hope
to our fractured world.
May the risen Jesus breathe on our minds
and open our eyes to know him
in the breaking of bread,
and follow him in his risen life.
Amen!

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An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us of
Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields
soon to be planted, We give you praise
for an even greater sign of new life:
the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death
has given way to the bright promise of immortality,
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice
will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness,
and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate we also dare to ask for your grace
that we may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor,
the marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet.

Adapted prayer offered by Fr. Larry Snyder, then president of
Catholic Charities USA, at the fourth annual White House
Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013



Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

Attributed to St. Hippolytus of Rome

