

Prayers for the Easter Season

These prayers might be used in a variety of settings: Opening Prayers (at the beginning of worship) or concluding collects (after the Prayers of the People); for church websites or newsletters; or in personal, small group, or family devotion.

Second Sunday of Easter

God of grace and peace,
in Jesus Christ you stand among us
as a sign of healing, hope, and joy
in our fearful, wounded world.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that we may have faith and life
through Christ, our risen Savior.
John 20:19-31 / Years ABC

Living God, in Jesus Christ, who stands among us,
we have seen the marks of your saving love.
Breathe on us with the power of your Spirit
and send us out to share the peace of Christ
so that all the world may believe in him
and receive the gift of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God.
John 20:19-31 / Years ABC

Third Sunday of Easter

Living God, we are so slow to recognize your presence,
even when you stand among us, even in your living Word.
Still, stay with us, we pray; make yourself known to us,
and let our hearts burn within us to share the good news
that Jesus Christ our Savior is risen indeed.
Luke 24:13-35 / Year A

Holy One, you have made us witnesses
to the good news of the gospel—
that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone,
is risen from the dead.
Open our minds to understand these things,
and let your word be fulfilled in us
so that we may share the bread of life
with a hungry world;
through Jesus Christ, our peace.
Luke 24:36b-48 / Year B

Lord, you have called us to be
fishers of people
and shepherds of your flock.
Teach us to follow,

to love and to serve;
to feed those who hunger
and cast out our nets
to welcome the world
into your eternal realm;
through Jesus Christ,
the fish, the lamb, the Lord.
John 21:1-19 / Year C

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good and loving Shepherd, you call us by name.
Lead us, by your Word, in paths of righteousness,
that we may have life, and have it abundantly;
through Jesus Christ, the gateway to salvation.
John 10:1-10; Psalm 23 / Year A

Loving God, we are the sheep of your hand,
the people of your pasture.
You know us; we are yours.
You call us; we listen for your voice.
Protect us from false leaders and hired hands
who would seek to snatch us from safety.
Keep us in the security of your fold
and unite us with your people in all the earth.
By your Spirit, make us one flock, one people;
through the one who laid down his life for us,
Jesus Christ, the good shepherd.
John 10:11-18 / Year B

Living God, you open your hand
to give us the gift of eternal life
and to feed us with your abundant mercy
Let nothing take us from your presence,
but bless and keep us always;
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
John 10:22-30 / Year C

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy One, our eternal dwelling place,
you prepare a home for us in glory.
Make room in our hearts for faith in you,
so that we may know you by your Word,
and serve you through all our works;
we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth, and the life.
John 14:1-14 / Year A

God of the glorious garden,
apart from the presence of your abiding Word
we can do nothing.

Cultivate in us a sense of connection in Christ.
Prune our excess and help us to grow in faith
so that we may bear good fruit for the world;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine.

John 15:1-8 / Year B

Living God, we have seen your glory
in Jesus Christ, your Word, our Lord.
By your grace you have made us beloved children.
Now make us faithful disciples,
loving one another as Christ loves us;
in his holy name we pray.

John 13:31-35 / Year C

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Faithful God, in Christ, your beloved Son,
you have never abandoned us.
You are a father to the fatherless,
and a mother to the motherless.
Come and live in us, through Christ,
so that we may live forever in him,
keeping his commandments of love.
We pray this in Christ's holy name,
by the power of the Spirit of truth.

John 14:15-21 / Year A

Holy One, you made known to us the greatness of your love
in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.
Keep us always in Christ's love
so that we may abide by your commandments
and bear lasting fruit for the world;
through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend.

John 15:9-17 / Year B

Living God, through Jesus Christ
you give peace that the world cannot give.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
calm our troubled and fearful hearts
and fill them with rejoicing
as we await Christ's glorious return;
we pray this in his name.

John 14:23-29 / Year C

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Living God, you sent Jesus Christ
so that we might know your glory
and receive the gift of eternal life.
Keep us ever faithful to your Word
as we live and work in your world
so that all may be one in your love;
through Christ our Savior.
John 17:1-11 / Year A

Living God, your Word is holy and true;
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
you have made your name known to us.
Protect us from the power of evil,
sanctify us in the truth of Christ,
and make us one in the Holy Spirit,
so that your joy may be complete in us;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
John 17:6-19 / Year B

Lord God, you are one –
eternal and holy –
one with Christ and the Spirit.
Make us one with you,
one with Christ,
one in the Spirit,
one body in the church,
that all the world may believe in you
and receive your love;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
John 17:20-26 / Year C