

# Prayer

To conclude your preparation, think about the community for whom you've just prepared the homily and spend a few moments in prayer.

You have placed me in the line of your witnesses, Risen One. May my words and my life be worthy of your trust in me. Amen.

## Faith Sharing Question

For use in the parish bulletin, with faith-sharing groups, or to be adapted as the question of the week for the parish as a whole.

- What are some concrete ways you can deepen your experience of the resurrection during the Easter season?

Does your parish have a creative way of using a weekly faith sharing question? Tell us about it at [TTPubs@aol.com](mailto:TTPubs@aol.com).

## ENHANCING THE LITURGY

### Introduction to the Penitential Rite

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us rejoice and sing Alleluia to our God, who has raised Jesus from the dead and made unfading light shine upon the world. "This day is the day of the Lord": let us make it a day of great joy and rejoicing and celebrate the victory of life over death, of love over hatred.

### Penitential Rite

Lord of life, you have made Jesus victorious over the power of sin and death, Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, whose death on the Cross has brought us once and for all reconciliation with God, Christ, have mercy

Spirit of God, you are the one who will guide us into all truth and into a more complete commitment to the good news of the Resurrection, Lord, have mercy.

### Catechumenate Dismissal

Dear friends, we are grateful to God for the great things accomplished in you up to this day and for what he will accomplish in the future. We send you forth now to reflect more deeply on God's saving word.

### General Intercessions

**Presider:** Let our prayer to God on this day of the Resurrection of our Lord be more joyful and hopeful than ever, for there is nothing impossible to the God who can raise Jesus from the dead.

**Leader:** For the power and the light of the Resurrection of Christ to shine upon the nations and to help them overcome all obstacles to life and peace, we pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For the church, born of the Resurrection of Christ, that it may share the light, the joy, and the blessing of this day the Lord has made, we pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For us and for the newly baptized who will bring new life to our communities and challenge us to greater commitment to the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For the poor, the weary, the lonely, that their suffering may be alleviated with the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus and our living example of service and compassion as followers of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For those who have died, that they may be given the new life of Christ, the first-born from the dead, we pray to the Lord.

**Presider:** Lord God, on this day of Easter you call us to be convinced and joyful messengers and witnesses of the greatest good news ever proclaimed to the world. May we never shy away or grow tired from carrying on this great mission which you have entrusted us. Amen.

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