

Pilgrim notes



Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

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The entire Shrine Staff wishes
you a joyous Easter Season!

Easter Prayer

Let us pray that the Risen Christ
will raise us up
and renew our lives.

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to
eternal life.

Let our celebration today
raise us up and renew our lives
by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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Easter Reflection

May our celebration raise us up and renew our lives! One of the great songs we often sing on Easter has the words, "This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia!" Everything with which we struggle, and every hope and desire we have, come together in this day. The tomb is empty!

Sometimes Easter Sunday can be a busy day, with visiting, meals, and travel. Our prayer when we wake, and our "calling to mind" throughout the day, can help us remember what we are grateful for today. There is Light in the midst of every darkness. New life, ever lasting life is ours. Our journey to the font of renewal has helped us remember we have been placed with Jesus. If we haven't done so at liturgy this morning, we might renew our Baptismal promises today.

We Are To Be Resurrection People

Easter, the feast of the resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a 'resurrection people.' This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the good news that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement, doubt nor death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the resurrected Lord in all the events of our lives. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Good Friday Is Not the End

Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our faith in Him.

The Good News Of Resurrection Power

Resurrection is good news, but at the same time, it's sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we're called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: the risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God's new ways of working in the world. That's the power of the resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news--just as Mary did: We have seen the Lord! Fr. Anthony Kadavil