

## Prayers of the People: Easter

Almighty and Eternal God

Whose goodness and grace overflowed when you raised Jesus from the dead,

Let your goodness and grace continue to flow upon your people.

We pray for those, like the women of old,  
whose lives have been stopped  
because they couldn't roll away a stone  
that was blocking their path to new life and hope.

Roll away the stone  
of despair and hopelessness  
that the light of Jesus Christ may shine  
into the darkness  
to bring joy and warmth again.

Roll away the stone  
For those still stuck at Good Friday  
those whose strength is failing through ill-health  
whose spirits are flagging through depression,  
whose determination is being sapped through addiction.

Lord God roll away the stone  
that they might better see the path stretching out before them  
a path unused except for your footprints  
etched out in the morning dew.

In the light and the glory of the resurrection  
We pray for our world  
For areas of violence and hostility  
For lands where famine and disease are rife  
For peoples who look in vain for the rains to come to guarantee a harvest  
For all those who today would struggle to find joy in the resurrection story.

We offer these prayers to you Lord God always mindful of the great  
company who compass you about, the ransomed and the redeemed of all the  
ages. As once they inspired us by their living so may they continue so to do till  
the day of our own homecoming to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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