



Easter

"Jesus lives. This is the simple message of Easter. And because Jesus lives—so does hope, so does love, and so do we. . . This Easter morning let us acknowledge the gift of life Christ has given us. Let us look into the empty tomb and proclaim with joy, proclaim with all our hearts and with our lives—that Jesus lives! May God bless you. Happy Easter!"

—Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, USCCB President

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Holy Women of God, Pray for Us

Risen Lord,
The angel that announced your rising
Spoke to an audience of but a few women
from Galilee.
And then you appeared,
Risen in the body,
But first only to Mary of Magdala.
We look back on all the centuries of your
Church
Born of this small, faithful band,
Nurtured through the ages so often by the
special grace given to women.

Lord, teach us to honor women, in body and
in spirit.
For these great disciples have taught us to
heal the sick,
To feed the poor
To sow mercy and justice.
To make peace.
And we call on them now to pray for us,
As we take up the cross ourselves.

Lord, as we are heirs to the Gospel
So too you have made us heirs of these
women
Teach us to sing the song, in our words
and deeds, that our sisters have
taught us:
That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Amen.

—A CRS Prayer

**"If Christ has not been
raised, then empty is our
preaching; empty, too, is
your faith."**

(1 Cor 15:14)



Did You Know?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for Christians of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the World.