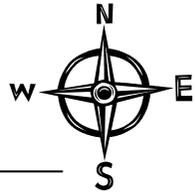


# Prayer Points



There is no time like Spring ...  
Frost-locked all the winter,  
Seeds, roots, and stones of fruits,  
What shall make their sap ascend  
That they may put forth shoots?

(adapted from *A Poem for Every Spring Day* by Allie Esiri)

Easter and the arrival of Spring offers a time of hope, renewal and reflection; a time for gratitude, forgiveness and transformation. It's a time to renew our spiritual connections; a time to pause and reflect. This period allows us the space to consider - no matter what struggles and challenges we face – that we can draw courage and faith from the power of God's victory over death.

So let's pray for ourselves, intercede for others, pray for our communities and extend compassion, hope and encouragement to all.

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,  
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze  
that it made you want to throw  
open all the windows in the house  
and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,  
a day when the cool brick paths  
and the garden bursting with peonies  
seemed so etched in sunlight  
that you felt like taking  
a hammer to the glass paperweight  
on the living room table,  
releasing the inhabitants  
from their snow-covered cottage  
so they could walk out,  
holding hands and squinting  
into this larger dome of blue and white,  
well, today is just that kind of day.

(Adapted from *Today* by Billy Collins)

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