

# EASTER PRAYER

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## The Basics:

Jesuit Volunteers are invited to gather for a spirituality night that honors the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is this Christian holiday that celebrates exactly three days after Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. And it brings together the community after 40 days of fasting, reconciliation and intentional daily prayer throughout the Lenten season.

The Easter prayer located on the next page, opens with a brief prayer, then time to share in reflection with your community.

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# Break Open the Tomb

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## Opening:

**Draw us forth, God of all creation.**

**Draw us forward and away from limited certainty  
into the immense world of your love.**

**Give us the capacity to taste  
the richness of the feast you give us.**

**Give us the peace to live with uncertainty,  
with questions,  
with doubts.**

**Help us to experience the resurrection anew  
with open wonder and an increasing ability  
to see you in the people of Easter.**

**(Author Unknown)**

## Leader:

**What is it you wish to experience anew in this  
season of renewal, of resurrection, of hope? What  
riches do we have yet to taste as our JV year  
continues? Please take some time to reflect and I  
will signal when we can open our sharing**

**[Pause for silent reflection.]**

## Leader:

**What reflections do we wish to share with one  
another?**

**[When the sharing comes to a close, move onto  
prayers of intention]**



## Intentions:

**As we bring this time of reflection to a close,  
for whom or what shall we pray?**

**[Allow folks to speak their intentions aloud.]**

## Leader 2:

**We now bring this reflection to a close with a  
blessing of resurrection:**

**Lord of Easter's Promise,**

**We live in faith of the Resurrection,  
but such is the nature of our faith  
that so much remains entombed.**

**Break open the tomb.**

**Where I've buried my sense of compassion,  
break open the tomb.**

**Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break  
open the tomb.**

**Where I've buried my humility, break open the  
tomb.**

**Where I've buried my humanity, break open  
the tomb.**

**Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open  
the tomb.**

**Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,  
break open the tomb.**

**Lord, help me to roll away this stone  
And find the miracle of new life  
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.**

**Amen.**