



*Celebrating  
the  
Easter Season  
at Home*

April 1–May 20, 2018

# Easter Blessings & Prayers

## Easter Daily Prayer

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let Resurrection joy  
fill my heart, Lord of life.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

May the Spirit's grace  
bless me this day, Lord of life.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Help me show your life and love  
today and every day, Lord of life.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Pentecost Litany to the Holy Spirit

That we may hear your voice all around us:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

That we may open our hands generously:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

That we may be ever strong in faith:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

That the Church may be known  
as the Body of Christ:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

That healing may come to the world:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

That we may truly bear fruit:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

Until the day Christ comes in glory:  
*Lord, send out your Spirit!*

## Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

*Let us rejoice and be glad!*

On this Feast of feasts  
we are filled with Easter life  
and nourished by the fruits of earth.

On this Feast of feasts  
may we know the presence of Christ  
in breaking bread with those we love.

On this Feast of feasts  
let our service to the hungry be a sign  
of his glory  
as we share his presence with them.

*Let us rejoice and be glad!*  
All the earth cry out with joy!  
On this Feast of feasts  
may this meal be blessed  
as we will be at the feast of heaven. Amen.

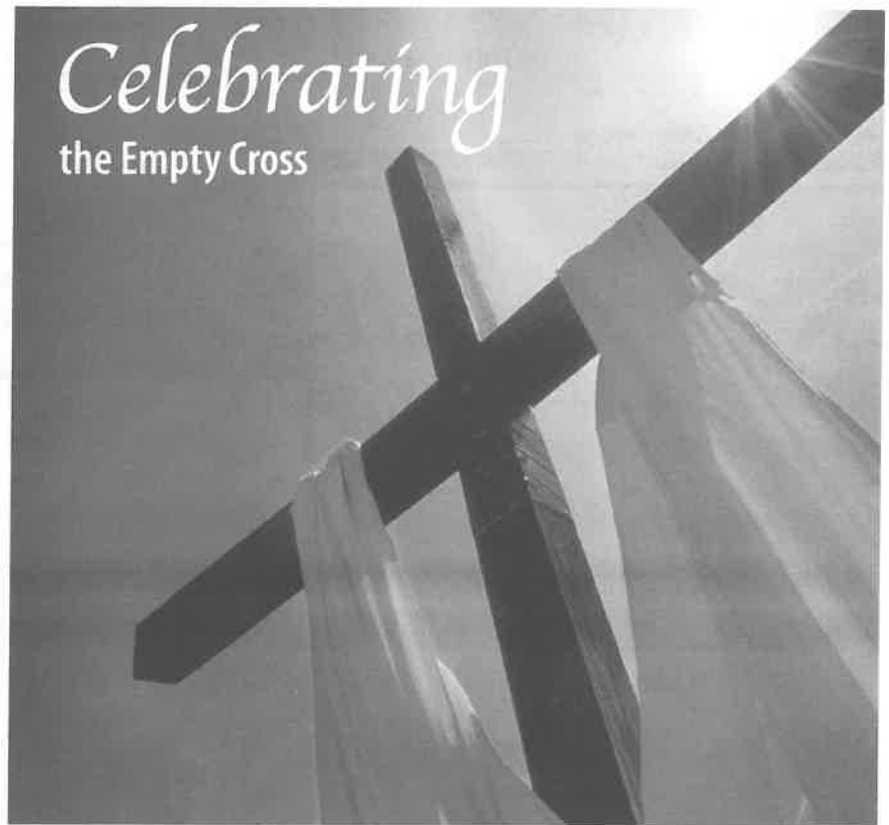
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This Easter, help the children in your life to bring the Resurrection home by making an “empty cross” art project. The web offers countless ideas, but here are three very simple ones to get you started:

**1: A “stained glass” cross:**

*Materials: wax paper, crepe paper in several colors, glue, scissors, construction paper. (Optional: craft knife/box cutter)*

Spread a large sheet of wax paper with glue. Arrange torn pieces of crepe paper on one half and fold over the undecorated half so the crepe paper is firmly sandwiched between the two layers of glued wax paper. Smooth the layers and put a book on top to help it stay flat while it dries.



Meanwhile, cut the outline of a cross from the middle of a piece of construction paper, making a cross-shaped window in it. Glue it to the “stained glass.” Once all the glue is dry, you can cut a ½ to 1-inch border around the “window.” The result is a stained glass cross that you can hang on the window—lovely with the sun shining behind it!

**2: A “skyline” of silhouetted crosses:**

*Materials: paper plates, construction paper, watercolors, scissors, glue.*

Ask your kids to imagine the sky behind the crosses in Jerusalem the day Jesus was crucified. Then ask them to imagine what it might have looked like on Easter morning, with the crosses empty. Have them paint a paper plate to represent what they imagined. While it dries, trace a “skyline” of three empty crosses on Golgotha onto black construction paper and cut it out. Use the opportunity to talk through the Passion. Why were there three crosses? Who was crucified with Jesus? Did his companions deserve to die? Did Jesus? Did either of the thieves repent? What does this teach us about the forgiveness of God? Is there anything that cannot be forgiven?

Once the plate is dry, attach the construction paper to the plate and display.

**3: A “blooming” cross:**

*Materials: plain paper, marker, several colors of crepe paper, glue, scissors.*

Cut crepe paper into squares (more or less; no need to be precise). Trace the shape of a cross on a sheet of plain paper. Fill it in with a layer of glue. Then crumple crepe paper squares and stick them on the paper. So easy! Great for little ones.

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