

# KEEP PRAYING

## EASTER – JESUS MEETS US IN THE GARDEN



*'Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom'*

Risen Lord Jesus:

- As we celebrate the familiar story of your resurrection, surprise us again by your presence in our midst.
- Help us shake off the grave-clothes of disillusionment and put on fresh faith for the future.
- May we find joy in your company as we meet together, whether face-to-face or online.
- As our local communities emerge from lockdown, breathe life into precious things which have lain dormant for so long.
- Conscious of the inequalities the pandemic has exposed, keep us attentive to the global cries for fairness.
- Call us out, to walk with you and to rediscover the wonder of creation.





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**God of creation, we thank you for gardens  
and outside spaces,  
Help us make time to enjoy them and to  
look after them well.  
You are the gardener who plants within us  
seeds of love, joy and peace;  
Free us from the weeds of unfairness and  
unkindness,  
So that we might grow beautifully into the  
people you intend us to be. Amen**

*Spring is a reminder to us that, no matter how hard the winter has been, new life can and will emerge. Make time to pray outside, connecting with God through the gift of creation.*

*How might we enjoy the hospitality of our local open spaces and befriend those we meet there? What might they tell us of God, even if they don't use 'God' words?*

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