

Transforming God,
in the glory of this Easter morning,
we praise you for new opportunities,
new hopes and new visions.
We thank you that we are Easter people
and the hope of renewal is always alive for us.

As we celebrate this Easter,
we remember that today, for some,
this is still a Good Friday type day.
We pray for those who are in pain,
or missing someone,
or wrapped in concerns and doubts.
We pray for your transforming love to be with them.

Relational God,
we pray for places where there is not much to celebrate.
We think of places overwhelmed by war,
places where there is corruption,
places where people are exploited
and where violence and injustice have become normal.

Thank you loving God for the communities that we belong to:
for people we know well,
people we have met before
and for those people we cross the road to avoid.
May our communities be places of peace and hope.

In these quiet moments,
we name before you people and places in need of your love:

(a time of silence)

Living God, through your love:
hear our prayer

We thank you for the determination of Mary
to not just share the news but to also get the answers she needed.

We pray for all who need answers,
be with them in their seeking and discerning.

God of new beginnings and incredible life:
we pray for our church as we start on this new Easter Journey.
May this time be a time of renewal, restoration, and new life.

Living God,
accept these prayers in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

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