

Easter Prayer

Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.
In the chorus of birds – bless us.
In the scent of blossoms – bless us.
In the wet grass and the spring flowers – bless us.
In the songs and stories – bless us.
In sun and moon – bless us.
Bless us and heal us,
for we come to you in love and trust.
We come to you in expectant hope...

O God, give us a well of tears
to wash away the hurts of our lives,
give us tears to cleanse the wounds,
to bathe the battered face of our world.
Give us courage, God,
to see the world's needs and to stand up for new life.
Give us wisdom and compassion to fight for freedom, justice and peace.
And grant us the light of the Easter sun
to guide us and warm us...

O God, heal us and your grieving world
of all that harms us.
By the power of your resurrection
restore us to new life,
set us on new paths,
bring us from darkness to light,
help us to choose hope,
and send us out to share
the light and hope of Easter
with the people who we care for,
whom we love and who love us.
Send us out to share with the new and old friends
who you have given to us through your risen son Jesus Christ.
Amen.