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**Prayer for the Week:**

"Jesus, I worship you as my risen Lord. Help me to listen to  
you and to do your will. Amen." (Matthew 28:9-10)

**For Throughout the Day:**

"Risen Lord Jesus, help me to set my heart and mind on  
things above. Amen." (Colossians 3:1-2)

**Mealtime Refrain:**

"He is risen!: He is risen indeed!"

**A Blessing to Share:**

"May the risen Lord Jesus replace your fears with joy, and  
raise you to new life with him. Amen." (Matthew 28:10;  
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- Share about a time you received some good news.
- Imagine that you were one of the women who went to the tomb the first Easter morning. How do you think you would have felt?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus has risen?

**Devotional Practices:**

When you gather at home for your Easter celebrations, begin with these words: (A Leader to say the words in plain type, all to respond with the words in **bold** type).

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Lord, you give us new life. **Alleluia!**

Lord, you give us this new day. **Alleluia!**

Lord, you give us our world and all that is in it. **Alleluia!**

Lord, you give us each other. **Alleluia!**

We praise you God, maker of the universe, for sending us Jesus and giving us new life in him. **Alleluia!**

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After this commence your hunt for Easter eggs, prepare for church, or begin your family Easter breakfast or lunch. As an afternoon activity, plant seeds or seedlings in pots or in your garden in celebration of the new life God gives us through the risen Christ.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

As an Easter week family activity, prepare your own Paschal Candle to use during the next year. Purchase a large white candle. Decide together on the symbols to place on the candle (include a cross and the year number in your design). Trace these symbols onto the candle with a felt-tip pen, and then use fabric paints to paint them on. Light the candle on the date of church festivals and on your family baptism anniversary dates.

**Service:**

Spare a thought for those who have to work on Easter Sunday e.g. those working in hospitals, police stations or for other areas of emergency service. Make up a basket of Easter "goodies" to deliver to them.

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