

An Eastertide Prayer

For Staff

Holy Spirit,
Lord and giver of life,
You have given me this time,
and invite me to use it well.

I hold before you all of the needs and concerns of the children and young people that you place in my care at school.

I pray for their families in these difficult times; for those who have been affected by the virus, for those with financial worries, for the strain that this time can put upon family life.

I pray especially for those I know for whom school is a happier and more secure place. Be especially close to them, Lord.

During this Easter season, leading to Pentecost, make me aware of the many gifts you have given to me.

I have found that I am not defined during these days by what I go out and do. I am defined more by who and what I am.

Out of necessity, I have drawn on gifts that might not have been used before, or at least for a while.

I have surprised myself by your creative gifts in me which are not validated in comparison with anybody else but which, in my uniqueness, you have made known to me.

I ask that you give me the grace to learn from these days, to know myself as you know me.

May I not waste any opportunity that this time gives me to grow in wisdom, to explore new ways of expressing my vocation in school.

As Easter is a celebration of new life coming out of death, so may I reflect that a time that first presented as a time to be feared or avoided may be for me a time of discovery and enrichment;

a time that I didn't know would come:

an opportunity that might not come in this way again.

Bless my family, my friends and all who love and support me always but especially during these days.

May I offer strength when others find life difficult, and be humble enough to turn to others and admit that, at times, I am struggling too.

In the midst of so much suffering in our communities, throughout our country and in the world, may I take some moments each day to count my blessings and to see that this time will be short in the context of the story of my life.

Come, Holy Spirit,
with your gifts and fruits, your Wisdom, Power and Inspiration.
May this day and every day be a day of my life that I have used
to give glory to you, Lord,
and to realise your faith, hope and love in me.
Amen.