

## PRAY FOR GIFTS OF THE RISEN CHRIST UPON AMERICA

*“Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying.  
As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb  
and saw two angels in white,  
seated where Jesus’ body had been,  
one at the head and the other at the foot.  
They asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?’  
‘They have taken my Lord away,’ she said,  
‘and I don’t know where they have put him.’  
At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,  
but she did not realize that it was Jesus.  
He asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?  
Who is it you are looking for?’  
Thinking he was the gardener, she said,  
‘Sir, if you have carried him away,  
tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’  
Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’  
She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’  
(which means “Teacher”).”*

John 20:11-16

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In Christianity, ‘Easter’ (from the German word “dawn”; or “Pasqua” for Passover in Italian and Spanish) is a whole season, not just a day. It’s important not to short shrift this Holy season; as it is so rich with spiritual lessons and gifts.

Let’s look at some of these gifts that are offered to us by the Resurrected Christ Jesus; and pray that these spiritual gifts will be showered on America and her people for a holy re-birth of our nation. The Resurrected Christ

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brings us beyond just being “Believers” to being filled with the Holy Spirit, discerning Christ Jesus, walking with a boldness and courage to serve God’s Heart.

### ***Let Us Pray Together...***

***Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today as your Intercessors, standing in the gap for our beloved country America, to ask for the gifts of the Resurrected Christ Jesus Yeshua to be poured into the hearts of Americans, into the hearts of the Ekklesia – Body of Christ, to be the spiritual soil of the New America, a resurrected America, fulfilling our calling to be One Nation Under God.***

***We learn from our Risen Christ Jesus that even faith did not bring gifts of the spirit, but your grace. When hearts, eyes and minds are closed, they do not see or discern Christ Jesus. Yet when hearts, eyes and minds are spiritually opened, people not only recognize Jesus Yeshua, they are made anew and able to walk boldly in sharing the Gospel, the Good News.***

### **Open Our Hearts**

◆ In John 20:14-16, Mary Magdalene is distraught at discovering Jesus’ tomb has been opened and He is no longer in it: “*At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?’ Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’ Jesus said to her, Mary.’ She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).*”

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- ◆ Dear Lord God, Mary's heart recognized and discerned Jesus when He spoke her name. *"My sheep hear my voice."* Open the hearts of our fellow Americans, people across our country, to hear the voice of Christ Jesus in their hearts. Jesus speaks to us in Revelations 3:20, *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."*
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, we know there is no meaningful future for America unless and until we have You in our hearts, unless we have Christ Jesus and the love of Christ Jesus in our hearts. As Psalm 119:10 says: *"With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!"*
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father Abba, transform the hearts of our fellow countrymen. Transform the hearts of our leaders, and even the Body of Christ; that they will seek and know You and Christ Jesus with their whole hearts; open, clean and pure hearts.
- ◆ Help us Lord God, to have clean hearts unsullied by the barrage of news, the fog of war, the information overload. As Psalm 24:4 admonishes: *"He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully."*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, fulfill Your promise from Ezekiel 11:19 across our lands: *"And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh."*

### **Then Their Eyes Were Opened**

- ◆ When the Resurrected Christ Jesus supped with disciples He had enjoined on the road to Emmaus, they were still clueless that they were in fact in the company of Jesus Yeshua. You, Lord God, who can keep

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us blinded, open our spiritual eyes. Open the eyes of hearts across our lands, to bring in a Golden Era of Holiness, a Holy America, that will be a beacon on the hill for the whole world, for the world family of Christ Jesus.

- ◆ Luke 24:30-32 describes this: *“When He (Jesus) was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and He disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, we pray Ephesians 1:18, that You will bring the gift of spiritually opened eyes to people across our lands: *“Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance.”*

### **Then He Opened Their Minds**

- ◆ Lord God, Resurrected Jesus joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus, yet they did not recognize Him. You hide yourself from us, as Luke 24:15-16 shares: *“Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.”*
- ◆ Yet in Luke 24:45-49, Jesus allows them to recognize him: *“Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, ‘This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has*

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*promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”*

- ◆ Heavenly Father, this passage tells us that it is up to You to open spiritual minds, to allow us to truly know You, see You, understand You. But we are petitioning that You bring this gift to the Body of Christ and those who do not yet know your Son Jesus Yeshua. That this be a gift that surpasses religion and dogma, a knowing that comes from revelation. Only then can we truly be a holy nation, sanctified — set apart, for You.

### The Great Commission

- ◆ Dear Lord God, even after Jesus was resurrected from the dead, there were disciples that still doubted! Matthew 28:16-17 says: *“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.”*
- ◆ Holy Father God, I repent for all the times and ways I have hesitated, held back, not boldly gone forth to do what You have commissioned me to do. Or have done it, but with complaining, hesitation or doubts. God forgive me.
- ◆ Matthew 28:18-20 continues: *“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And **surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, if I truly, truly believe that Jesus Yeshua is with me always, then how can I hesitate? How can I doubt? How can I have any

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fear that I am not doing Your Will and fulfilling Your Heart? Fill me with a new boldness. Fill the Body of Christ across America with Your boldness, with a holy conviction to share the Good News of the Risen Christ Jesus Yeshua.

### ***Sealing Prayer:***

*“Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.*

*Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

*Give ear and come to me;  
listen, that you may live.*

*I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
my faithful love promised to David.*

*See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
a ruler and commander of the peoples.*

*Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
because of the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor.”*

Isaiah 55:1-5