

# COMMUNITY PRAYERS IN EXPECTATION OF EASTER

## **Morning Prayer:**

Father in Heaven,

In the darkness, in the distress, in all of our longings,

Hope still remains.

You went to the cross and all who followed you reckoned it as defeat.

Yet, there in that suffering, you bought my redemption and forgiveness of sin.

Fill my heart with faith that looks beyond the darkness

And embraces all the possibilities of Your light.

## **Midday meditation:**

All that I am, Lord, I place into Your hands.

All that I do, Lord, I place into Your hands.

Everything I hope for, I place into Your hands.

The troubles that weary me, I place into Your hands.

Each that I care for, I place into Your hands.

(Meditate on what each of these are, and see yourself handing them into God's hands.)

## **Evening prayer:**

Lord, our prayers and hopes must bear the sign of the cross

And the weight of the stone which covers the grave.

Lord, I will trust You, help me to journey -

Beyond the familiar and into the unknown.

I choose to live beyond regret,

And let You recreate my life.

I will believe You for my future,

Chapter by chapter, until all my story is written.