

The word "Easter" is written in a white, elegant cursive script. It is centered within a circular sunburst pattern composed of numerous thin, yellow lines radiating outwards. The entire graphic is set against a solid teal background.

*Easter*

**Prayer Notes**

2026

## Praise and Thanks

### God's Character and the Cross

- Praise God for his holiness and righteousness, and for his just character – that the cross is evidence that God has dealt with sin, that he has judged wrongdoing.
- Thank God that he has beaten evil, that has defeated Satan.
- Thank God for his mercy, that in his abundant grace he has sent Jesus to pay for our wrongdoing, and sending Jesus as our Saviour was part of his eternal plan.
- Praise Jesus for being our substitute – for living the perfect life, submitting himself to death, and rising from the dead.

### John 19:28–30

*When Jesus knew that everything was now accomplished that the Scripture might be fulfilled, He said, "I'm thirsty!" A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on hyssop and held it up to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" Then bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

*He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

### 1 Peter 3:18

*Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.*

### The Resurrection

- Thank God that he has provided us with such clear historical evidence of the resurrection.
- Pray that the joy of the risen Christ fills our hearts with peace, hope, and love as we wait patiently for Jesus to return in all his glory.

### Matthew 28:5–6

*Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.*

### Romans 6:8–10

*If we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

## 1 Corinthians 15:20

*Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who will also rise.*

### **Freedom and Opportunity**

- Thank God that in Australia our whole nation has a long weekend to celebrate and remember Jesus' death and resurrection.
- May we not take this for granted, and to take opportunities to engage friends, family and community with the hope of Easter.

## Request

### **For Easter Weekend**

- Pray that as a church we would be unified and passionate about people coming to know and love Jesus.
- Pray that this Good Friday and Easter Sunday, God would bring guests to our church who are curious, whose hearts are open to coming to know him.
- Pray that God would help us to be outward-focussed and caring in the way we welcome all people on Good Friday and Easter Sunday – especially visitors and newcomers.
- Pray that we would have hearts after God's own heart, that care about seeing people saved (Ezekiel 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9).
- Pray that God would move in the hearts of those who have already heard Easter-related messages (at Minchinbury Manor on Palm Sunda, and at English Classes and Food Van on this past Monday). May those who already have a connection through these ministries take that next step of exploring faith.
- Pray for Mike and Tim as they prepare Good Friday and Easter Sunday messages – that he may grant them clarity and insight to proclaim the gospel faithfully and compellingly.

### **For After Easter**

- Pray for fruit from the Easter services; that visitors would come back.
- Pray esp. for the One Life Course starting after Easter (Thursday 23rd April).
- Ask that God would move in people's hearts to come and ask questions and get the answers that bring them closer to saving faith.
- Pray that God gives church members boldness to invite their friends and family.
- Pray for Mike as he prepares to lead the course again – for wisdom and clarity, and a reliance on God to work through him.