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But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

— **ACTS 2:24 (NIV)**

Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...

— **EPHESIANS 1:18-20 (ESV)**

THE PRAYER

As we celebrate Easter throughout the global Body of Christ, our world is reeling in pain. Virtually every human on our planet has been impacted—in some form—by the death and devastation following the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic. We may still be facing times of physical, social, mental, economic, or cultural difficulty, but remember: there is no greater force in the world than the power released when Christ was raised from the dead! This is our confession today: “... it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.” Resurrection is greater than death!

Heavenly Father, we come boldly before Your throne today, and we cry out with one voice. In the name of Jesus, resurrect the dreams, marriages, health, finances, faith, churches, unity, and hopes of Your people around the world. We confess that death cannot hold on us. We also ask You to resurrect the world’s faith in You through a powerful worldwide outpouring of Your Spirit. Please renew Your church in these days and save millions of precious souls.

We are so thankful today the same power which raised Christ from the dead is vitally at work in our lives as well. As part of our inheritance in Christ, we claim its full reality in our own lives as well as the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Every country in our world is in desperate need of Your resurrection power.

Lord, we boldly pray the prayer of the Apostle Paul today: Enlighten our hearts so we might see the immeasurable greatness of Your resurrection power. We know this revelation is a powerful barrier against the despair and hopelessness stalking our lives. We are also crying out for the mitigation and final eradication of the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, may these words resound through the courts of heaven and shake the gates of hell: resurrection, resurrection, resurrection! In the name of Jesus, hear our cry and answer us from on high. Amen.