

## Praying through the week 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Starting out on our Easter journey with Jesus, some pauses for reflecting



**"I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**(Matt 28:20)

As we come to the end of Lent and prepare to enter our Holy Week "journey" with Jesus, when we know the darkness and indescribable pain that awaits Him....what wonderful words of reassurance are here. Despite the horror and unimaginable suffering of Jesus' terrible crucifixion to come, **"I am with you always..."**

- ❖ Is there anything you would like to say to Jesus now, about the wonderful promise that He will be with you always...
- ❖ Is this a moment to reflect back on and, thank the Lord for those specific times recently when He has "been with you"

We all know those worrying times when the Lord seems so far away from us, perhaps like Easter Saturday...How desolate they feel...Or is it that we seem so far away from Him?

- ❖ Some call those times "desert times", others, "wilderness times". When we find ourselves in the aridity and dryness of those times, can we remember again and be guided by those wise words from Meister Eckhart..."God is always at home, it's we who go out" ...Jesus with us always....

- ❖ Here, now, is this Eastertime the time you sense the desire to "go home to God?" Can you talk to God about that desire now?

And the glory of Easter Sunday, risen Jesus, shining light and love, closer to us than ever before...with us in our hearts...always...

On Easter Sunday, will we have words adequate enough to express our gratitude to Jesus for fulfilling His promise to be **"with us always"**, despite the horrors of His suffering?

- ❖ Would it help, perhaps, to thank Jesus now for the depth of His love for us....and ask forgiveness for our past "wanderings" ...and tell Him of our love for Him, our Lord and Saviour, and replace our "wilderness wanderings" with those beautiful words." – (why not prayerfully sing them now).

**"Here I am Lord, I will go Lord where you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart"**

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