



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 04.05.26

God of glory and resurrection, throw wide open the doors of our hearts and flood them with resurrection light and life! Banish the darkness that lingers and shine brightly in our midst.

Spirit of enduring joy and hope, beckon our spirits to praise and worship. Awaken us to the new life in us and in creation around us! Reveal the vibrant colors and textures bursting forth on this day of resurrection that point to the beauty and wholeness of the new creation. God of might and marvels, hear our praise and longings, see our needs and hopes.

For those of us who have experienced death, grief and loss in this last year, tenderly draw us close and whisper words of shared sadness for what has been lost. Roll back the stone of death to reveal the hope of new life and new possibilities.

For Antiochians on the civil rights pilgrimage and others who are witnessing or experiencing injustice, sorrow, and brutal oppression, show us your wounds, your grief and profound pain; invite us into your suffering that we may share in your resurrection. Shoulder these burdens and guide our paths into justice and hope.

For Mia and the Cackley family, as they struggle with side effects and the unpredictability of treatment and travel, prepare Mia's body for the next infusion, walk each good news/bad news step with them on this unrelenting journey. For Caitlyn and the Littrell family, untangle the twisted ball of treatment options, make the next steps clear.

For those recovering from treatments and surgeries, fight back the lingering effects that threaten to tighten their grip. Surprise each one with your tenderness in these places of pain, worry and weariness.

Spirit of revelation, where we, like the women and men on this Sunday morning long ago, expect to find death and decay, open our hearts to the power of your life and resurrection!

And in all the places where we are yet waiting for resurrection, give us courage and fortitude to live in the in between until you come and make all things new, bringing healing, wholeness and justice.

Amen.