



### A Prayer as We Approach Easter

Draw us forth, God of all creation. Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love. Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us.

Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts. Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter.

- Author Unknown



### **Living Compass**

Every year, Living Compass prepares daily devotionals for Advent and Lent. They have electronic versions available to download in English and Spanish. In addition, they have continued <u>their</u> <u>podcast</u> entitled "Living Compass Spirituality and Wellness Podcast". Over the last year, they have now done 62 episodes on a variety of topics.

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Watching for Easter



Jesus' resurrection was an incredible moment. It transformed our lives, our world and eternity. And no one saw it.

The story we read in the Gospels every Easter tells us of the women's arrival at the tomb on Easter at sunrise, where they find Jesus is

risen. His resurrection happened sometime during the night. The women were witnesses—they saw Jesus and talked with him, so they had proof. But they weren't witnesses to his resurrection —no one was. Everyone missed it. Because no one was there. Because no one was looking.

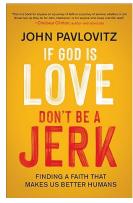
We, on the other hand, know Easter is coming. I'm sure you won't miss it. At the least, stores and advertisements will make sure we are all very aware. Still, even though we won't miss the date or the opportunity to buy chocolate bunnies and jelly beans—we might still miss Jesus and what his resurrection means for us. Especially if we aren't looking.

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Title: If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk: Finding a Faith that Makes Us Better Humans

#### Author: John Pavlovitz

Thou Shalt Not Be Horrible.

Imagine for a moment what the world might look like if we as people of faith, morality, and conscience actually aspired to this mantra. What if we were fully burdened to create a world that was more loving and equitable than when we arrived?

What if we invited one another to share in wide-open, fearless, spiritual communities truly marked by compassion and interdependence? What if we daily challenged ourselves to live a faith that simply made us better humans?

John Pavlovitz explores how we can embody this *kinder* kind of spirituality where we humbly examine our belief system to understand how it might compel us to act in less-than-loving ways toward others.

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# "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**JOHN 8:36** 

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