

# THE WONDER OF PRAYER

## EASTER — AWAKENED TO HOPE

*'When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea.'*  
(John 21:7, NRSV)

Jesus Christ, who welcomes all -

- When failure and disappointment lower our gaze, lift our eyes to see you welcoming us home.
- Infuse our lives with the warmth of your welcome, that we may bring others to the fireside of your love.
- Help your church to hear your voice, that we may discern the new, more fruitful patterns you call us to.
- We pray for those who come ashore in our day, seeking safety and home; may they meet with compassion and justice.



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**Jesus Christ, Living Hope,**

**May the grace in your gaze recall us to redemption;**

**May the warmth of your presence dispel the gloom  
of disappointment;**

**May your willingness to walk through walls give us  
faith for the breakthroughs we need;**

**And may the truth of your rising raise us to hope  
again. Amen.**

One of the surest ways to stir hope is to notice and name ... to notice the presence and work of God in yourself or in the world around you, then to name it ... to tell someone else what you've noticed. Consider getting into the habit by practising noticing and naming at least once a day between now and Pentecost.

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