

“Justice For Laura” Novena - 9 Days of Prayer

Day Two



Scripture Passage: “The Resurrection of Our Lord”

The Angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him.” -MATTHEW 28:5-6

Meditation:

This is the rock of our faith - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Jesus had remained in the tomb, his entire life's work, his agonizing passion and gruesome death would mean nothing to us, it would just be another sad fact of human history. **BUT HE ROSE.**

And in rising, he offers us something so utterly astounding that no human being can ever fully fathom it. In the midst of our sin, the Lord **OFFERS US A NEW LIFE.** If we are willing to carry our cross and follow Jesus to calvary, to die with him, then he will raise

us up to new glorious life with him as well. Good Friday always comes before Easter, and the cross is heavy, the thorns are sharp and the nails are excruciating, but if we suffer what we must suffer to follow the Lord in Spirit and in Truth, we will also be raised in the resurrection with him in glory. And this is not just about our ultimate destiny, this is right now – Jesus came into the world to give us the power to live a new life! The law came through Moses, but Christ comes with grace! Grace to be raised to new life, to reclaim the original glorious plan of God for our lives and live from the depths of our hearts in the fullness of love which is God! We are talking about our redemption, and this is not just some abstract theological concept, but this is meant to be lived and experienced by each one of us, and through the transformation of our hearts we are called to gradually come to live and love in the image and likeness of God, as we were made to, and are called to. Jesus is the antidote for our sin, and there is real power in Christ - in His cross - to redeem our hearts that we may live free from sin. IF we die with Him, we WILL rise with Him.

Let us pray then, that Laura's murderer may discover the power of Jesus to raise him to new life. Let us pray that he would find refuge in the Cross and hope in the Resurrection of our Lord. Our faith is grounded in and founded upon the resurrection of Jesus, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may kindle the first flames of faith in this poor man's heart, and that fanned by the love of Christ, those flames may grow into a raging fire that will consume and transform him into the fullness of who God made him to be.

And we pray for Justice For Laura.

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Abba, Father,

You have revealed Yourself as the God of Love Who desires all Your children to be saved, and Who will run to embrace any soul who sincerely turns back to You.

We lift up the soul of Laura's killer, Your beloved child who has wandered in a far away land squandering the inheritance which You, his most Loving Father, have bestowed upon him. We beg the Holy Spirit to sing Your song of Love into his heart. Speak to his soul of his dignity and beauty as Your child, and give him the confidence to turn back to You in trust and repentance.

We ask this through the infinite merits of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Mercy Whose compassion knows no bounds.

Amen.

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