

PRAYER FOR APRIL 2015

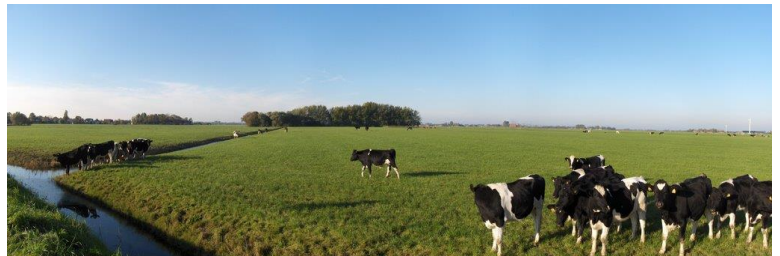
April is the month that welcomes spring. The tender green of new growth unfurls with the soft motion of the breeze on tree leaves and grass. The springtime scent of red and pastel pink azaleas, the blazing white of dogwood, and the crazy-quilt patterns of tulips and daffodils embellish the world of April.



April is also splashed with golden tones of sunlight and there are even some pleasant brush strokes of soft, puffy, pillow clouds hovering in the blue-sky expanse. In the fields there black and white cattle strolling lazily down through the meadow for a refreshing drink at the river.



April sprinkles her showers to please the earth. It is the time of rebirth when this year it brings the wonder of the Easter message.



It is a message born of sadness, but it also brings a message of gladness. It began with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem when great multitudes spread their garments along the way, and placed branches from the trees in the path. At the Last Supper, Jesus blessed the bread and said, “Take and eat, this is my body”, and then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks gave it to them saying, “This is my blood which is shed for man.” ... Jesus was taken to Golgotha and was crucified..... “Truly this man was the Son of God”.



Jesus was placed in the tomb in the garden of a follower. After three days the stone at the mouth of the tomb where Jesus was placed was rolled away. He had risen in triumph on Eastern morn.

When we marvel at God’s handiwork, our faith is renewed and through the ever-changing scenes of nature we are often reminded of the cross and the empty tomb – life and death and life

Now that April is here, let us be aware of the cycle of death and rebirth. God’s creative plan is greater than we can hope for or even imagine. Out of apparent death comes life. This can be true in our lives too if we believe. “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief”