



## Crucifixion and Resurrection

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If you've never spent some time with *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*, I'd encourage you to find a copy and enjoy all that this gem has to offer. This prayer seems particularly appropriate as we approach Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

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O Lord,

I marvel that thou shouldst become incarnate,  
be crucified, dead, and buried.

The sepulcher calls forth my adoring wonder,  
for it is empty and thou art risen;  
the four-fold gospel attests it,  
the living witnesses prove it,

my heart's experience knows it.

Give me to die with thee that I may rise to new life,  
for I wish to be as dead and buried

to sin, to selfishness, to the world;  
that I might not hear the voice of the charmer,  
and might be delivered from his lusts.

O Lord, there is much ill about me – crucify it,  
much flesh within me – mortify it.

Purge me from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of approbation,  
the shame of being thought old-fashioned,  
the desire to be cultivated or modern.

Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion,  
and never feed it as a living thing.

Grant me to stand with my dying Saviour,  
to be content to be rejected,  
to be willing to take up unpopular truths,  
and to hold fast despised teachings until death.

Help me to be resolute, and Christ-contained.  
Never let me wander from the path of obedience to thy will.  
Strengthen me for the battles ahead.  
Give me courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys.  
Help me to be a holy, happy person,  
free from every wrong desire,  
from everything contrary to thy mind.

Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:  
may it rule me,  
may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

Amen.

I'm praying that God would give you (and me as well) more and more of the resurrection life!

Christ's Peace,  
**Lance**