

Dear God,

Jesus found Mary crying at his tomb,  
But when he spoke her name  
Such joy seized her heart.

Claim our hearts this Easter season!

Help keep us awake to your unfolding plan.  
Help us be where you want us to be.  
Help us be patient and ready for you.

In a special way, dear Lord, help us to find  
And encourage good men who will give their lives  
In service to your Holy Church  
as Jesuit brothers and priests.

Lead our hearts and efforts in this work.  
Inspire us in new and creative ways.

For the empty tomb  
Must have terrified your friends.

With no idea where you'd gone,  
The future must have seemed  
So hopeless and bleak.

But in the morning you returned.  
You had not left us alone.

May that sacred Easter light  
Bless men in discernment.  
May it excite new friends to follow you.  
May it fill us all with greater  
Faith, hope and love.

Amen.

An April Prayer  
for Vocations to  
the Society of Jesus

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