### **Opening Scripture**

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8 v 22

# **Opening Declaration**

At this time of new life springing forth let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness.

## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us this new season. Thank you for the buds appearing on trees and for shoots appearing above the bare soil. Thank you for the cheery crocuses and daffodils you have given us as a reminder of your love and faithfulness and of new life springing forth. Help me to walk into this new season knowing that you are my God, that you walk beside me and will never leave me. In Jesus Name Amen.

## **Words From Scripture**

Song of Solomon Chapter 2 v 11-13 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their

fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

#### **Pause for Reflection**

Let us be still for a moment and embrace the presence of Jesus as He calls us to sit with Him. He knows all our weaknesses but loves us totally and unconditionally. Let us allow Him to take us into this new season.

The soil has looked cold and bare and the trees empty and forsaken and yet they are now bursting forth with new life. Although throughout the dark nights of winter this new life remained hidden from view. it has been ready to spring forth at its God appointed time.

# **Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father thank you for reminding me of your faithfulness. At times when I cannot see your hand at work please remind me that even though I may think you havne't heard my prayer, you are working the answer out and in due season I shall see the answer come to pass. Thank you. Amen.

### **Thought**

What things are you believing God for? Hold on! You may not see the answer yet, but look to God for He is faithful and He will not let you down. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6 v 9 NIV

## Words from a Hymn

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed Thy hand hath provided-Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Thomas Chisholm)

## The Blessings of Spring

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> There are many blessings, that each new Spring brings you can see it bloom about and hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over, and brighter days ahead comes promises of new life Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers, and their buds begin to show He sends to us the promise His care for us, we will know.

He sends us the robin song, with the promise to provide that under His mighty wing we have a place to hide.

He melts the snowy covers, and sends the refreshing rain sprinkling us with His grace to heal winter's every pain.

God has given to all His Son, to shed upon us a new light and the real blessing of Spring is to keep Jesus in your sight!

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Our Faithful God