

## **Holy Saturday**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

We have listened, with joy, to the accounts of God's mighty deeds throughout the history of salvation. In the light of this holy night, let us turn to the Lord in prayer.

1. For the Church: for Pope Francis, Thomas our Bishop, and all who minister in the Church; may the light of Easter shine through in their teaching, pastoral zeal and good works. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all of us gathered here this night; that the glory of Easter will renew our commitment and faithfulness to the faith we profess. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Pope Francis encouraged young people recently when he said, "Arise! Testify joyfully that Christ is alive! Spread his message of love and salvation among your contemporaries." We pray for all young people. May the hope of the resurrection strengthen their faith in the Risen Lord, Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for all who were baptised this Easter and for those who were received into the full communion of the Church. May they continue to journey with their communities in faith, hope and service. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For nations embroiled in war, civil unrest, racial and religious hatred. May the Risen Lord strengthen the resolve of leaders to find ways to lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for our brothers and sisters who have lapsed in the faith and withdrawn from our parish. We pray for those who doubt or deny God, and those who struggle in their commitment to faith. May the resurrection offer them a sense of hope, welcome and belonging. **Lord, hear us.**
7. We pray for all who have died; bring them to eternal peace and rest in the company of Mary and all the saints in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

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God of glory, may our prayers find favour in your sight. With renewed hope in the resurrection, we make these prayers through the risen Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen.