

**The Easter Vigil**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

In the light of this holy night, when Jesus Christ rose from the dead, we turn to God our Father in prayer.

1. For the Church throughout the world: may the light of Easter shine through its teaching, pastoral zeal, good works, and service of the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. For all those baptised or received into full communion with the Church tonight, may they continue to grow in faith & recognise Christ as the ‘cornerstone’ of their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. For nations entombed by conflict, war, and unrest. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, and Ethiopia. May the peace promised by the Risen Lord scatter the darkness of despair and offer a beacon of hope to nations ravaged by war. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. Addressing young people, Pope Francis said, “We have been saved by his cross, and no one can repress the joy of the Gospel. Do not keep quiet!” May the hope of the resurrection strengthen our faith instilling in us the confidence to witness to the Good News of the empty tomb. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. We pray for our brothers and sisters who have lapsed in the faith and withdrawn from our parish.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 renewed sense of hope, welcome and belonging. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For all the baptised. May the Holy Spirit set fire to the hearts of all believers that they may bear faithful witness to the Lord's resurrection. **Lord, hear us.**
  
7. For all who are sick, those in hospital, those in full-time care, and those who are sick at home. May they encounter the Risen Lord who brings hope and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
  
8. As Jesus calls us to proclaim the good news of the resurrection to all nations, may we nourish hope in others through our self-giving and loving service. **Lord, hear us.**
  
9. For the persecuted Church throughout the world. May they find fresh conviction and renewed strength in the good news of Easter. **Lord, hear us.**
  
10. For all who now rest in the sleep of peace. May all who have died be brought to eternal peace in heaven at the resurrection on the last day. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Father, we thank you for your providence, which has brought us to this Easter night, and for our faith, which has enabled us to celebrate it with joy and hope. We ask you to hear the prayers we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)