**Easter Vigil**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** On this holy night when Jesus Christ rose from the dead and restored our life of grace, we turn to God our Father in prayer:

1. For all who minister in the Church; may the light of Easter shine in their teaching, pastoral zeal and good works. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who believe in the Resurrection: through our sharing in the life of the Risen Lord, may we never repress the joy of the Gospel within our hearts and lives. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the newly baptised and confirmed; as they walk in the new light of life, may their love for God always be transformed through the grace of the Sacraments. **Lord, hear us.**
4. That the people of every nation may come to share the joy of this night, and that the Good News of the death and Resurrection of Christ may bring peace to our world. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for our brothers and sisters who have lapsed in the faith, struggle with commitment, or withdrawn from parish life. May the resurrection offer them a new sense of hope, welcome and belonging. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For the sick: make us instruments of hope and healing that we may relieve the suffering and pain of those burdened with illness, addiction, injury, or frailty. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all whose lifelong vigil for the Lord has ended and who now sleep in death. May they live forever in Christ who has destroyed the power of death and opened the gates of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God of life and power, your love supports your people all through life and beyond: hear the prayers we make this holy night, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**.