

Second Sunday of Easter

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Let us pray confidently to the Father in the name of the Risen Lord, that we may know the true peace he brings through his victory over death.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops and Priests. May the Resurrection of the Lord renew the joy and commitment of their priestly commitment. May God bless and support them in their Synodal work. **Lord, hear us.**

2. Bless all children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Together with their families and church communities may they grow in love for You each day of their lives. **Lord, hear us.**

3. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray for those who have died in our parishes, that the Lord in his loving mercy will welcome them into his eternal dwelling. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for all who are suffering with ill-health at this time. May God look down on them with mercy and compassion, and may they experience the healing power of His love. **Lord, hear us.**

5. As we mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, we give thanks for the work of diplomacy in securing lasting peace throughout our country. We pray for an end to conflict across the world. May the peace of Christ transform our hearts and our world. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

God our Father, increase in our minds and hearts the Risen life we share with Christ, helping us to grow as your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**