**Easter Sunday**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As we have listened to the history of salvation, we trust that God will continue to hear the prayers of his people in every generation.

1. For the Church: strengthened by the Holy Spirit, may all the baptised walk in the newness of life and glorious freedom won for them in Christ’s resurrection. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For persecuted Christian churches across the world: may the empty tomb offer them hope in the midst of doubt, strength in times of anguish, and encouragement in times of oppression. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all who undertake the work of evangelisation: may the example of their lives and the hope in their hearts make them joyful messengers of salvation. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all those who have not heard the Good News or do not believe, that their hearts will be stirred by the example of those who proclaim the Risen Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For peace in our world: that Christ’s gift of hope will strengthen communities as they work for just solutions that guide us away from injustice and violence and bring lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all those received into the Church this Easter through water and the Holy spirit; may they continue to grow in their faith and love of God through the life of Church. **Lord, hear us.**
7. That young people, like the women on Easter morning, may be open to God’s call and say yes to serving others in the many vocations of the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died, may the Risen Lord lead them to the fullness of life in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**  Heavenly Father, the power of this holy day drives away all evil, washes guilt away and restores lost innocence. May we experience its saving power in our lives, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**