

Easter Sunday

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

The power of Christ's resurrection fills our world with new life and hope; and so we bring our prayers before our Father with unshakeable trust.

1. For the Church and those newly born in baptism, that we may rejoice in the empty tomb and the Risen Christ who has opened for us the gates to eternal salvation. **Lord, hear us.**

2. Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your Word. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For families and especially the young. Deepen their faith in the Risen Lord, that they, like the apostles many never keep silent about the hope that is within them. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray the precious gift of life through which we come to know and love God may always be revered and respected. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For the people of the Holy Land, the 'living stones' who preserve the places where Christ lived and walked. May their steadfast presence offer hope to the world as promised in the new and eternal Jerusalem. **Lord, hear us.**

6. As Jesus brought new life to the garden through His resurrection, we pray that we may cherish and preserve God's gift of creation and treat all living things upon the earth, our common home, with care and respect. **Lord, hear us.**

7. We pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine. Help all nations to work for God's justice, know God's reconciliation and love, and choose paths not of hatred or destruction, but justice, mercy and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

8. We pray for those who find it difficult to discover hope in the circumstances of their lives: the bereaved, those burdened with ill-health, the unemployed, the displaced and the refugee, relationships in difficulty. May we offer Easter hope to those in need. **Lord, hear us.**

9. Eternal Lord, we pray for all our loved ones who have died. May they share in the promise of eternal life won for us by the Lord's resurrection. **Lord, Hear Us.**

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God Our Father, in your Son, Jesus, Risen from the dead, you have set the path of peace for all creation. Hear our prayers and instil in our hearts the wonders of your salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, first-born of the dead, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever, **Amen**