

## **Intercessions for Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Christ is Risen, and the power of His resurrection fills the world today with new life, hope and expectation and so we bring him all our needs.

Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating the Resurrection all over the world. Language race and nationalities may be different but our worship and our joy on the Day of Resurrection make us one in the Gospel. We pray that The Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service praying that day by day we may grow in love for you and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **(Short Silence)**

Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Creator God, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world that they may give priority to those with greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources. We especially pray on this special day, for peace in the world and for countries where there is war and conflict, Ukraine, Gaza, South Sudan, Yemen, Burma and elsewhere.

We remember today those involved in the fight against terrorism around the world and for all peace makers in active duty around the world.

### **(Short Silence)**

Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Father God at this joyful Eastertide we pray for our families and friends especially for those joining us this Easter. Thank you too for modern communication systems which bring our loved ones so close even when we are separated by great distances.

### **(Short Silence)**

Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Creator God we pray for those who are in need and ask you to look with pity on those who suffer. We especially pray for all those who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for the broken-hearted, for the sick and for the lonely that your very presence would comfort them in their time of need.

### **((Short Silence))**

Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Merciful God, we pray that those who have recently died may one day share in the promise of new life won for us all by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and his triumph over death and the grave. We pray for Fr. Paul's Mother, that she may rest in perfect peace, and pray for Fr. Paul, Sophie and all the family. May they find solace in you.

### **(Short Silence)**

Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Faithful God as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### ***Prayer of the Week***

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

### ***Paraphrase of the Prayer of the Week***

Creator of the universe, You have made it possible, through Jesus' death and resurrection, for us all to have new beginnings beyond death, and to be part of a limitless future with you, the God who is Love. In the mean time help us to focus on higher things so that our lives can connect with that unconditional love now. **Amen**