

Intercessions for 20 April 2025

Easter Day

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Christ is alive, the conqueror of all his foes, and ours.

Christ is alive, and in his hands are the keys of death and the unseen world.

Christ is alive, and in him we are born again to a living hope and an eternal inheritance.

We praise you, O Christ, for your resurrection victory.

We acknowledge you as our living Saviour and Lord.

We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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Lord, at this Easter time we ask you to increase our faith, our hope and our love.

Give us the faith that overcomes the world and enables us to face both life and death calm and unafraid.

Give us the hope that looks beyond this mortal life and grasps hold of the things unseen and eternal.

Give us the love that binds us more closely to one another, and to you our risen Lord.

Risen Lord, we pray that the joy of the Resurrection may be known throughout the world, that those who are ignorant of your love may feel your presence and share your risen life.

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Loving and living Lord, conqueror of death, you appeared to your disciples in your risen power and said to them, "Peace be with you". Speak those words in our hearts today, Lord, and in the hearts of all, especially in those regions suffering the ravages of war.

Give grace this Easter time to heal the wounds of differences among our families, friends and neighbours. As you opened wide your arms upon the Cross, conquering death with love, teach us to follow your commandment, that we should love one another.

Grant to all who suffer the knowledge of where true healing is to be found. Heal the sick, give peace to troubled minds, comfort the dying and restore hope to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. At this time we think especially of Carmen, her family, and all mourning the death of Geoff Tidy. Lead all human sorrow through the pain of the dying Christ to the joy of his Resurrection.

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Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.