

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – 30th March 2024 - EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

CELEBRANT: On this most holy night,
let us pray to God, in whom all creation is renewed in life and in hope.

- READER:**
1. For the entire People of God:
that, in our churches, our streets and our homes
we may continue to be amazed and encouraged
by the triumph of light over darkness and of grace over sin...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 2. For all whose pilgrimage of faith
has brought them into the Church this Easter:
that they may be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus,
whose rising restores all humanity in grace...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 3. For all who cannot accept the truth of the Resurrection:
that they may meet Jesus in the Galilee of their own lives
and encounter the Risen Son
who gently invites all people to share in his own life...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 4. For those who dwell in situations of danger,
where the powers of death and of the tomb still brood:
that the sun may rise upon a day of justice
and of peace for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan
and so many places that need to be refreshed in hope...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 5. For the sick, the lonely, the needy and all who are in pain of any kind:
that they may know the gentle touch of the risen Christ
who calls them to freshness of hope, newness of life
and fullness of companionship amidst God's people...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 6. For all the dead, whose lifelong vigil for the Lord has ended:
that he who passed over from death to life
may bring them with him into the heavenly homelands...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ, to pray for us as we say... HAIL MARY...

And, in silence, let us pray to the Father who raised Jesus from death.....

CELEBRANT: Father of glory,
whose Son tears down the gates of hell
and throws open the doors of heaven,
receive the prayers of your people on this holy night.
Refresh us in grace
and grant that we may always be an Easter people,
with songs of gratitude and praise ever on our lips.
Through Christ our Risen Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – 31st March 2024 - EASTER DAY

CELEBRANT: In Easter faith,
and rejoicing at Christ's triumph over sin and death,
let us pray to the Father whose love has no end.

- READER:**
1. For all whose journey of faith has led them into the Church this Easter:
that those whose ears have been opened to the teaching of scripture,
and whose bodies have been washed in the waters of grace,
may serve the Lord with fidelity and joy for the rest of their lives...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 2. For Francis our Pope and for all the leaders of the Church:
that, faithful to the message of Peter,
they may witness to the message of forgiveness and new life in Christ
with humility, authenticity and courage...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 3. For the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and so many other places
where the powers of death and violence appear to reign:
that the stone of hatred may be rolled away from human hearts
and that the light of God's love and justice
may penetrate even the darkest places of the earth...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 4. For all whose lives are shrouded in despair and exhaustion:
that they may find in God's people
a source of rest and companionship, hope and encouragement...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 5. For those who are sick and especially for those who sense the nearness
of death:
that Christ, who is our hope,
may embrace them in grace and assure them of a Saviour's love...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 6. For all who have died:
that Life's own Champion, conqueror of the powers of death,
may welcome them into the bright glories of heaven...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ, to join her prayer to ours as we say...HAIL
MARY.....

And in silence, let us place into the hands of our loving Father all that troubles us most deeply...

CELEBRANT: Father of glory,
whose Son tears down the gates of hell
and throws open the doors of heaven,
receive the prayers of your people on this holy day.
Refresh us in grace
and grant that we may always be an Easter people,
with songs of gratitude and praise ever on our lips.
Through Christ our Risen Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – 7th APRIL 2024 - 2nd SUN OF EASTER (B)

CELEBRANT: Let us pray that the mercy of God
may be poured out upon all peoples.

- READER:**
1. For the Church:
that she may continue to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus
in power and in tenderness,
so that all humanity may see in her the bright image of her Lord and God...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 2. For all who struggle in their faith:
that, twinned with Thomas,
and even in the midst of their honesty and doubt,
they may be blessed with a true and living encounter with the Risen Christ...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 3. For the many places in our streets and across the earth
where there is a desperate need for hope and compassion:
that the love of God may be visible
in the outstretched hands of Christ's disciples, ready to serve...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 4. For a world beset by falsehood and misinformation:
that the Spirit of truth may roam across the earth
and grant us the gifts of wisdom, discernment
and a real desire to embrace the truth in all we do and say...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 5. For the sick, the wounded and the fearful,
especially in lands wracked by war and violence:
that they may sense the presence of Christ in their midst
and that the mercy of God may embrace them in peace...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY.....
 6. For all who have died:
that the Father, whose love is everlasting,
and whose Son was granted victory over death,
may bring them into the fullness of life in heaven...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...

Let us ask Mary, faithful Mother of the Lord, to pray for us as we say..HAIL MARY...

And in silence, let us pray for our more personal cares and concerns.....

CELEBRANT: Holy God,
who lift us from the waters of baptism
to give us life that endures:
listen to the prayer of your faithful people
and, in your divine mercy,
let them see your victory at work in their lives.
Through Christ our Risen Lord.