

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**CELEBRANT:** On this day made by the Lord, let us open our hearts to the Father and invite His Spirit to fill us with new life and hope.

1. For the Church that, under the leadership of Pope Francis and all the bishops, She may carry out the mission Christ gave to His first disciples – a mission of forgiveness, peace and New Life in His Spirit: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
2. For world leaders, that in their plans to overcome the pandemic, they may remember to be generous in sharing all their resources with the poorer nations: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
3. For the people of Belfast, that the causes of the recent riots will be addressed and renewed efforts made to restore peace and harmony on their streets: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
4. For Her Majesty the Queen on the death of Prince Philip, and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, that they will be supported by the prayers of others and be comforted by the sure hope of the Resurrection: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
5. For all our young people facing a time of uncertainty, that the coming months will bring them hope and clarity about the paths they may be able to follow to fulfil their dreams and ambitions: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
6. For our parish community, especially the many who have been shielding over the past year, that, with renewed confidence, we may all come together soon to give praise and worship to the God of Life here in St.Clare's: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer

Let us ask the help of Mary, Mother of the risen Lord and our model of faith:  
Hail Mary . . .

In silence, let us bring before the Lord all whom we know to be in great need of His healing and help.

**CELEBRANT:** Father almighty, hear our prayers and empower us to be the community you want us to be, the Church Christ formed us to be, and the family the Spirit inspires us to be. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.