

UNIVERSAL PRAYER – EASTER - 2021

CELEBRANT: On this Day made by the Lord, when Christ our Redeemer rose triumphant from the grave, let us make our petitions to the Father with joy and gratitude in our hearts.

1. Let us pray for Christians throughout the world and for those who lead and guide us, especially our Holy Father, Pope Francis; may we all be strengthened in the faith we profess and renewed in our mission to spread the Good News of the Resurrection to the ends of the earth. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
2. Let us pray for world leaders; despite the present pandemic, may they continue to tackle the present and future problems arising from our changing climate, so that our children's children may be able to enjoy the beauty and the richness of God's creation. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
3. Let us pray for all those who hoped to have been baptized or received into full communion with the Church this Easter; may the Lord uplift them in their disappointment and sustain them in their faith. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
4. Let us pray for all whose lives have been changed and disrupted by the pandemic – the sufferers and their families, our children, our hospital medical staff and all facing financial loss and unemployment; may the pain and anguish of the past year give way to a time of hope and the restoration of ordinary day-to-day living. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
5. Let us pray for all who have died; may they now share the glory of the Risen Lord in the company of all the angels and saints and may those who mourn be comforted by the sure hope of the welcome their loved ones will receive. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
6. Let us pray for our parish community; renewed by faith, hope and love, may we re-commit ourselves to the worship and praise of God and to a true desire to serve Him by serving others. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer

Let us turn to Mary as we celebrate, with her, the Resurrection of her Son: Hail Mary . . .

In a few moments of silence, let us offer our petitions to the Father. (Pause)

CELEBRANT: Father, we offer our prayers to you today with love and joy in our hearts. May you continue to change our darkness into light, our doubt into faith and our weakness into strength. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.