

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRIEST: God our Merciful Father has given us new birth as His beloved children, guarding us for the promised inheritance at the end of time. We are being tested, by all kinds of trials and refined as gold.

Jesus reveals himself to us as Lord and God, in the flesh and blood of his risen body. We turn to him now in our fears, doubts and needs.

READER: As disciples of Christ we must learn to recognise and respond to Jesus' invitation to believe in his resurrection without reserve. May our hearts become a home for the word of God.
In your Mercy. Response: Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for those suffering the horrors of war, the forces of evil and violent conflict in our world today. May the hearts of those responsible be changed by the experience of God's life giving Love and Compassionate Mercy. **In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.**

As disciples of Christ, may we never be afraid of proclaiming the Good News, to be agents of hope and healing for those we see to be in need. **In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for all who care for most vulnerable in our world. May we be good neighbours of God's children. **In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all who worship the God of Life. May we all work together for justice, peace and hope in a world redeemed by Christ.
In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

We pray for all who care for the integrity of God's Creation. May we be good stewards of God's World. **In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer**

We pray for Missionaries everywhere, may their faith and courage be strengthened with Joy in the resurrection of Christ. **In your Mercy . Hear our Prayer.**

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. **In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died.---.. and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.
Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: **Hail Mary...**

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for hearing and answering our prayers,
because we ask them through your Son Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.
AMEN