

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRIEST: Jesus is the Christ who was killed for proclaiming the truth about God's Love for us. He rose from the dead and now offers us forgiveness. In our Eucharist today filled with gratitude let us rejoice.

READER: As disciples of Christ we must learn to recognise and respond to Jesus' invitation to be witnesses to the resurrection. May our hearts become a home for the word of God. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

As disciples of Christ, may we never be afraid of proclaiming the Good News, calling for repentance and to care for those we see to be in need. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those suffering the horrors of war and violent conflict in our world today. May the hearts of those responsible be changed by the experience of God's Love and compassion. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the poor and displaced, those forced to leave their homelands because of the changing environment and injustice. May they find a safe welcome and generous hospitality. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who worship God. May we all work together for justice and peace and the integrity of creation in our world. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for Missionaries everywhere, may their faith and courage be strengthened with Joy in the resurrection of Christ. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead. May they find the fullness of life in Christ.

We Pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they be comforted in the knowledge of God's Love and compassion. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: **Hail Mary...**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

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