

Church Intercessions: 12.04.2020 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Christ is Risen. God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him. Because of this, with hope and expectation, we bring before him all our needs in this time of prayer.

**Risen Lord, Be present in these needs**

God our Father, on this Easter day we come together to offer praise and adoration for Jesus- Jesus risen, alive, powerful and victorious, the salvation of the World – Alleluia. We rejoice in the knowledge that in Jesus all that separates, injures and destroys has been overcome by that which unites and heals and creates.

We think of your church today celebrating in ISOLATION all over the world. Our language race and nationalities may be different but our worship is one and our praise for you united. We pray that your spirit may guide and strengthen us all in mission and service to you, to our own community and to the world outside, in whatever way we can each contribute and we pray that day by day we may draw closer to you, experiencing your love for us.

**Risen Lord, Be present in these needs**

Lord, your friends and disciples must have been utterly bereft at your death, with all their hope and purpose broken. Then you appeared to them in your risen form giving rise to more puzzlement and for some, doubt. So we pray now for those who are puzzled about you and doubt that you lived and died for them.

The world was in turmoil at the first Easter and nothing has changed.

Lord we pray for the nations of the world. For areas where clashes of belief bring discord and war. Where climate conditions bring hunger and thirst, where education is an expensive luxury denied to many. Lord grant that the leaders of our nations may give priority to those with greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources, and that, in the light of Christ's victory over death, nations may work together to overcome violence against all, especially the poor, the weak and those who feel they have no voice.

**Risen Lord, Be present in these needs**

As we have meditated this week on Christ's sufferings on the cross, we pray for all who suffer today in mind or body and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick, especially for those made anxious or afraid by their illness and its effect on their future, and for all in want of faith, hope or love. We pray especially at this time for those affected by Covid19. Its tentacles have spread so widely and in such a short space of time. God of mercy, watch over those adversely affected by this insidious virus in all parts of the world.

**Risen Lord, Be present in these needs**



Lord we pray for ourselves, you know the needs of human life. As we seek to live our lives according to your example, help us by your presence to remember,

That you are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct;

That you are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console;

That you are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire;

That you are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend;

That you are with us even in death to bring us to your side.

Make us certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from you, so that in your presence we may meet life with strength and death without fear.

**Risen Lord, Be present in these needs**

On this Easter Day we thank and praise you for the gift of eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus. We rejoice with all the saints and give thanks for our loved ones who have died that, free from sorrow and pain, they may be at peace with you in your everlasting kingdom.

**Risen Lord, Be present in these needs**

Ever living God help us today to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of Jesus at this Easter time and to express in our lives the love we celebrate. Death cannot hold the Lord of Life. New life for him means new life for all who believe in him.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

