

Intercessions, Easter 2019
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Christ is Risen, and the power of His resurrection has delivered his people from sin and death and filled the world today with new life, hope and expectation. Let our celebration raise us up and renew our lives as we pray to you, saying **Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Bountiful God, at this joyful Eastertide we give thanks for the multitude of blessings you have showered upon us:

For the beauty of the earth you have created for us; help us not to squander its abundance.

For our families and friends; help us to deserve the love and support they offer.

For our lives and our talents; help us to use them productively.

Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating the Resurrection over all the world. Language, Race, and nationalities may differ, but our worship and our joy on the Day of Resurrection make us one in Faith. May the church carry forward the redemptive works of God.

Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer

Loving God, we pray for our clergy and our bishops, and for the many lay people who serve the church and serve the world through the church; may they be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness; of hope for all who know pain and suffering; and of love for all who have been rejected.

Risen Lord, Hear our Prayer

Almighty God, we pray for all the nations and leaders of the world; may the powers that oppress and destroy decline, and justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

On this day we pray especially for peace in countries where there is war and conflict.

Risen Lord, *Hear our prayer.*

Merciful God, we pray for those who are sick and those who suffer; for those who experience desolation and for those who feel remote from God. May the hope of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal; and through their struggles, may they come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray also that those who have died may share in the promise of new life won for us all by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and His triumph over death and the grave.

Risen Lord, *Hear our prayer.*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives us confidence and hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In your tender love, hear our prayers for all the world and grant us the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**