

Lord Jesus we know that your resurrection was a new beginning, risen from the dead, alive for evermore a certain hope for the future so we bring you our praise and worship today, Hallelulia. Thank you for the extraordinary gift of your holy spirit that lives within those who acknowledge you and enables us to come to you in prayer with confidence and so we bring our petitions to you this morning.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord you know that we are also looking forward to a new beginning in our physical lives as we move back to normality. Being able to be with family and friends, to travel, shop, socialise and especially being able to meet together to bring you our praise and sung worship, we think especially of those who we know who as a result of the pandemic have suffered personal loss, loneliness, illness, loss of jobs, unfulfilled ambitions and so much more, your resurrection reminds us that from darkness and despair can come light and hope, encourage us we pray that we your church will continue to be bringers of support and hope to those in this community and beyond as we show love to them in our words and in actions. Help us to be willing to be generous with all that you have given us.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord we remember the Queen at this time following the announcement of the death of her husband Prince Phillip on Friday. We give thanks for her and his dedication and commitment to serve this country. We ask that you would grant her peace, the space and time to mourn her loss, the and the assurance of the truth of your resurrection.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for our government as they continue to make decisions on the government of this country and our lives going forwards that they will act with integrity and in the interest of all in their decisions that all will feel included and supported.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father as we look forwards, we thank you for all those who have served this church in so many ways through the past year we give thanks for their willing service of their skills and time but you know that as we continue to open the church and its facilities that there is a need for further help in certain areas, help us to listen to you and to be willing to respond to meet these needs as we seek to serve you and those around us. We thank you for the gift of children in this church, it is a privilege, encourage us we your people to give them the support they need to grow in their knowledge and ultimately their faith in you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Gracious Lord like Thomas we admit that so many of us come to you with doubts. Jesus by your holy spirit give assurance to all who seek you, help them to believe and to put their faith and trust in you and for those of us who believe help us to trust you at all times and to be certain in our belief that you are the way the truth and the life.

Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ Amen

We remember Lord our brothers and sisters in other countries suffering persecution, imprisonment and day to day hostility due to their faith in you, we ask that you would give them assurance of your presence with them, strength and perseverance and relief from their suffering.