

Intercession – Easter Sunday

Risen Lord how we love and worship you this Easter day. We thank you that by dying on the cross and rising again you gave us a new life, a new way of living. In a world where to some this is just a good story, Lord we know, this is reality, of a hope and a life with you by our side. Your love poured out at Easter represents new beginnings, where the darkness of the tomb could not hold you, you are and forever will be, the light of the world.

Risen Jesus, in a world that is so heavy with sadness and dismay, of war, of illness, of poverty, of lost loved ones, you are still God, you reign on high and Lord we cry out to you this special day, that you will wrap your loving arms around those in their time of need, that you would wipe every tear, comfort those who are lost and renew their strength. Bring your everlasting joy for those who mourn, overwhelming peace for those who are distressed. May they encounter the Risen Lord in a precious way this Easter.

Lord we love you for who you are, for the ultimate sacrifice you made for us, we thank you that you are alive and can change lives and do miracles just as much today as you did 2000 years ago. You are the same yesterday, today and forever. You are the one constant in our lives, regardless of what is going on around us, you are always with us and your love never fails.

We thank you Jesus that as your church we can come together to celebrate the resurrection, This is where it all began. You long for a relationship with us your children, your spirit is on hand to guide us as we draw near to you. May we live to serve you and those around us. Prompt us to be Kind and generous to those less fortunate than ourselves. Open our eyes to the needs of others, both in this country and world wide. No matter who we are, where we live, or our circumstance, you know us by name and call us your child. Your presence lives with us every second of every day, may we be renewed by your spirit as we continue our walk with you.

Lord we cannot ignore those in the Ukraine, who are still fighting for freedom, God we cry out to you to stop this terrible war. Father we pray for those refugees coming to our country, may you break down the barrier of language and may the outpouring of the language of your Love be ever present in how we welcome, love and care for these people, they are your family which means they are our family, our brother's and sister.

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

Amen