

PRAYERS EASTER DAY 2023

Be present, O God of power, in your church's Easter praise,
and hear us now, as we come to you in prayer.

Thank you, Father
for the gift of your only Son, Jesus,
and for the example of His life of love, that made you known to the world.
*Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Jesus, our Lord, we praise you
that nothing could keep you dead in the grave
for you are stronger than death and the devil.
Thank you that you brought us close to the Father,
paid the price for our sin,
and gave us the hope of everlasting life.
*Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Gracious Lord, we pray for peace and mercy, forgiveness and respect,
between people in our world.
Today we pray especially for the conflict between Ukraine and Russia
and ask for an end to fighting and aggression, killing and destruction.
*Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Loving Lord, we lift to you all who are suffering today.
Those who are too busy, too anxious, too fearful,
too depressed, too angry, too ill,
too hungry or too guilty to enjoy the gift of life.
*Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer***

Lord of Lords, King of Kings, we pray for all with authority and power in our world
asking that your wisdom and justice; compassion and integrity
guide every decision and action they take.
We ask for your blessing on our own King Charles and Queen Camilla as they prepare
to dedicate themselves to serve this country and its people at their Coronation.
*Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Father God, we praise you for your love and its power to transform us.
We pray for the gift of love for our church and for all Christians throughout the world.
Teach us to love, to forgive, to value and appreciate others
and to live in the peace of our faith.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen