

On this great and glorious day, we proclaim the wonderful truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, all glory and honour be to you our Lord and Saviour who defeated death and reigns forever. We give thanks that through you our relationship with God is restored and that we have the incredible gift of life in your presence now and forever. Today Lord Jesus may we be abandoned to your praise. All praise to you risen Jesus.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we give thanks that we can openly worship you but while we enjoy celebrating this Easter there are many Christians across the world who are persecuted, imprisoned, marginalised for their faith in you. We pray for their freedom to meet and express their faith but especially at this time that they would be aware of your presence with them to bring them inner joy. Jesus, light of the world bring light into their darkness we pray.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus during your time on earth you healed many and continue to do so, in a moment of silence we remember before you today those who we know who are in need of healing, physical, mental and emotional. (Break) Draw close to them we pray and provide for them through the holy spirit the healing we and they long for.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

At this time, we pray for our government that they will be given wisdom as they deal with the economic and political complexities of the current world and that they will seek to rule with truth, justice and compassion for the benefit of all in this country.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord God almighty, we pray for Jeni, Nick, Jess and the PCC who lead this church. We ask that they will be given wisdom and courage in their decisions as this church seeks to proclaim the wonderful truth of the gospel to which we also through faith and the holy spirit are witnesses. We give thanks that you Lord are meeting today with so many young adults who will provide the foundation of your church into the future. We pray that churches across this country will reach out to them and in ways which connect with them.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you lived and died on earth before your resurrection in a world like ours, full of poverty, violence and political unrest. You brought a message of hope, compassion, justice and grace. We know that you ask us to bring this message to the world today in words and deeds. Help us to do this with commitment and courage we pray.

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