

## Easter Intercessions

Let us pray to Jesus, our risen Saviour.

Lord Jesus, on this day we celebrate your resurrection, your victory over death, the new life and hope you bring. We bring before you today the needs of your people and your world, all those places and situations on our hearts and we pray;

Risen and living Lord,

**Come with Easter hope.**

Lord Jesus, on this day of celebration, we give thanks for this community of faith who meet in your name. We thank you that you have called each one of us by name into this community, each one unique, each bringing our own gifts. We thank you for the friendship and fellowship shared here and for the opportunities we have to worship you and to grow together as your disciples. May we continue to be open to the Holy Spirit's guiding and empowering, that our lives and the life of this church might be a powerful witness to your life and light.

Lord Jesus, as we meet together at this time of Easter joy and celebration we pray too for your church throughout the world. We particularly remember all Christians forced to worship alone or in secret this Easter, facing oppression and discrimination, risking imprisonment, even death for love of you. By your Holy Spirit empower and strengthen them and assure them of your presence with them every moment. Into the lives of all your faithful people,

risen and living Lord,

**Come with Easter hope.**

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your resurrection, your triumph over the powers of darkness and death, we pray that the light and life of your good news would be known throughout your world. We pray particularly today for those nations struggling with war, violence or unrest. We pray for all people living today in fear, for all experiencing oppression or persecution, for all forced to flee their homes in search of safety and security, remembering particularly today the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. We pray for the peaceful and just resolution of all conflicts and for the fair and equitable treatment of all your people. Into the troubled nations of your world,

risen and living Lord,

**Come with Easter hope.**

Lord Jesus, your disciples were despairing, all hope seemed lost and yet your resurrection brought joy and healing. We pray for all those facing difficult times. We remember before you all those who are sick at this time whether at home or in hospital, for those awaiting test results or coming to terms with a new diagnosis. From our own community we pray particularly today for.....

Lord, bring your healing touch to all who are suffering today and be close to those who love them and are anxious about them. Into the lives of all who suffer;

risen and living Lord,

**Come with Easter hope.**

Lord Jesus, in your mighty resurrection you destroyed the power of death and opened the way to everlasting life. We pray for all who have died, for those who professed their faith and those whose faith was known to you alone..... Comfort and strengthen all who are grieving today and surround them with your love. Into their sadness and loss,

risen and living Lord,

**Come with Easter hope.**

Jesus, our risen Lord, in your presence we find hope, joy and peace, accept our prayers, and be with us always. **Amen.**

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