

PRESIDER

Dear friends, this is the day the Lord has made! With Easter faith, let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray for Christian believers around the world, that their resurrection faith will draw many to the light of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all lovers of nature, that their care for creation will call us to cherish and protect all that God has made. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for artists of every kind, that their creative gifts will open our eyes to the beauty and goodness that surrounds us. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australia's First Nations people, that their hopes will be addressed in a manner befitting their dignity and unique needs. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all Easter holiday-makers, that their time of leisure will be safe, peaceful and refreshing. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will rise with Christ to glory. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy and immortal God, you have made the cross a tree of life for us. Help us bear the gift of life for all who live in the shadow of death. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.