

PRESIDER

Dear friends, on this day of light, peace and joy, let us turn in prayer to our loving and life-giving God.

READER

We pray with Pope Francis and all Christian leaders around the world, that the light of Easter will dawn in every land, dispel all fear, and show forth the everlasting goodness of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all those newly baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, that they will be welcomed into their parish community and take their place gladly at the eucharistic table. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who live in a dark world of pain, deprivation and despair, that the kindness of others will kindle the flame of hope in their hearts. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for families unable to afford school holiday travel or entertainment, that they will be able to access healthy and enjoyable low-cost activities. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for family members and friends who do not share our Easter faith, that we will remain united with them through lives of goodness, mercy and compassion. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will rejoice and be glad for ever with all the saints. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Ever-faithful God, in the resurrection of your Son you have given us the pledge of eternal life. May your promise guide and govern our way on earth. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.