### Prayer of the Faithful

# 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

### Presider

Through Christ’s resurrection, new light, life and peace have come into the world. With confidence, we offer our prayers of intercession to God, who changes all mourning into dancing.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church. May they be inspired to continually open up the Scriptures to reveal the Good News of the resurrection.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our political and civic leaders. May they selflessly strive to address the real concerns of the people over whom they have been given responsibility.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who do not trust in God. May they be filled with the presence of the risen Christ in this Easter season.

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We pray for our faith community. As we gather to share the Eucharist, may we, like the first disciples, recognise Jesus in both the Word and the breaking of bread.

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We pray for the sick of the parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.   
We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they rejoice in the fullness of life promised to them as faithful followers of Jesus.

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### Presider

Merciful God, as we lift these prayers to you; we thank you for your blessings and ask you to continue to be a source of joy for us. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**