### 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. We confidently 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 continually inspired to open the Scriptures and 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 concerns of those for whom they are responsible.

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 all in the parish who are sick 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 that was 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 being a source of joy for us through Christ, our Lord.
**Amen.**