
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: On Easter Day Jesus greeted his fearful disciples with peace. Let us take his greeting to heart and pray in peace for the healing of the world.

LEADER:

We pray for the church. May Christian communities everywhere be faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for civic authorities at every level in nations around the world. May they guide their communities through the COVID-19 crisis with wisdom and courage.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes and in every war-torn land. May this year's Anzac Day observance spur us on to work together for a just and peaceful world.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for workers putting themselves at risk by maintaining basic services. May they be valued for their dedication and kept safe.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all the most severely affected by the virus pandemic: the homeless, the mentally ill, the unemployed, the poor, detainees, and those without support. May they become the first to have their needs met.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for those recently deceased, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, and for Betty Carracher, Shirley Lumsden, Jim Ryan (Bonnie Doon), David McCluskey, Sylvia Moran, Fr Tony Papps, Aileen Neeson, Sister Janet Colbourne, Mary Forini-Lowell (Bourke), Shirley Claven, Margaret Ann Peoples and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time Ross and Andrew Powell, Sisters Margaret Houlihan RSM, Cecilia Carew and Placid Tait, Fathers Frank Madden, Pat Lynch, John O'Brien, Deceased Service Personnel, James Dunn, Thelma Lynch. May they receive the heavenly inheritance prepared for them.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

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CELEBRANT: God of peace, by raising your Son to life you have made all things new. Send us out in the power of your Spirit apostles of mercy and compassion. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.