

April 19, 2020, Prayers

In this Easter season of resurrection and joy, let us pray for the Church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, we give thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for leading us from the darkness into light, and for bringing us through the waters of death into new life in you:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

That the Church, celebrating the resurrection with joy, may bring the light of Christ into the world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Robert our Chancellor; and for our home dioceses:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

That our community, though currently apart, may find strength in your Word:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

That the leaders of nations may help to bring about peace, justice, and healing in the world, especially during this time of pandemic:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

That all who suffer, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted. We pray especially for those with the coronavirus and for their families who cannot be with them. Also for the doctors, nurses, health care workers, and first responders who are working tirelessly on behalf of others.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who have passed over from the darkness into the glorious light of Christ,

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*