

## PRAYERS FOR EASTER DAY

As disciples who know that Christ is risen, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Bountiful God, as your Church rejoices this day in the Resurrection of her Lord and Saviour, may her worship be reverent and her proclamation faithful, as we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Philip, Archbishop of Melbourne and for the Rt Rev'd Dr Geoffrey driver, Abp of Adelaide newly elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia; and for Genieve our Bishop. May every Christian soul respond in faith to the call of the Master and make haste to tell the good news.

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

Bountiful God, let the Easter hope be known in all the world, in this time of pandemic. Give light to those who seek, assurance to those who doubt, and peace to all the nations of the world. May Christ be known as the only Lord, the only hope of the nations.

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

Bountiful God, bless our prayer and partner in mission, the Mission to Seafarers, Melbourne and all who minister to those at sea. Keep their welcome warm, and their love and care unstinting. May their ministry express the love of Christ for all people.

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

Bountiful God, be with our families and friends and all who share with us the wonderful day of Resurrection. May the presence of Christ bring us close to those who are separated

from us, in the knowledge that no distance can part us from his love.

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

Bountiful God, have mercy on those who stand at the open door of faith but are held back by doubt or fear of their unworthiness. Draw them in, that they may begin the new life that Christ has brought. Help and comfort those who are sick, and for whom suffering and sorrow mar the happiness of this day.

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

Bountiful God, we pray for those who, having shared with Christ the death of the body, now share with him the eternal life of his Resurrection as we remember those who have died in recent days; particularly those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic, and those who have died alone and afraid.

May the promise that has been fulfilled in them be our hope in this world and our place in the world to come, as we remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

We pray in the name of Christ who conquered death that we might live for ever.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your  
grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**