

THE EASTER PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Christ, by your resurrection you destroyed sin and death: help us to live holy and wholesome lives according to your will. Lord of glory,

Hear our prayer.

O Christ, by your resurrection you opened the gates of heaven to all people: renew your Church throughout the world and guide all Christians to glorify your Name. Lord of glory,

Hear our prayer.

O Christ, by your resurrection you bring about a new creation where love overcomes hate, suspicions disappear and divisions are healed: guide the leaders of the nations to bring about that kingdom where there is no war or strife but peace and justice for all people. Lord of glory,

Hear our prayer.

O Christ, by your resurrection you redeemed us from the ravages of chaos and disorder: grant us wisdom so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of the planet, and that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty. Lord of glory,

Hear our prayer.

O Christ, by your resurrection despair has given way to hope and faith has overcome fear: comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who suffer, and heal the sick in body, mind and spirit. Lord of glory,

Hear our prayer.

O Christ, by your resurrection you wipe away all tears from our eyes and bring us into the joy of your presence: welcome into paradise all who have died in the faith of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone. Lord of glory,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of grace, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and is become the Lord of life. Increase our hearts and minds with the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you