

## HT INTERCESSIONS

**Easter Sunday 2012 (08<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Heavenly Father**, on this **Glorious Easter Morning**, as we keep the special memory of your son Jesus' glorious resurrection, help us afresh, to fully comprehend the enormity of that historic event, and what it means for each one of us, personally.

Grant that by faith in that holy manifestation, we may recognise and understand that your **kingdom**, is here, and now, and in our hearts.

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

**Heavenly Father**, on this **Joyous Easter Morning**, give to your church, the courage to give up her preoccupations with herself, and to give more time to spreading the good news in our community, and in your world. Bless the local initiatives of The Church Army, Churches Together, and the upcoming Living Faith week.

Give grace and guidance to our Queen Elizabeth, to our Archbishops, to our Bishops, and to all our clergy and their supporters. May they all develop an increasingly broad vision, for the **future** of your kingdom.

Bless all who worship here today. Save us, from being too inward looking and over-occupied with our own affairs. Help us to take our eyes off **ourselves** and to turn them on to those **outside**. Help us to remember that your church does not exist for itself, but for the sake of others.

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

**Heavenly Father**, on this **Peaceful Easter Morning**, we remember how Jesus appeared to his disciples in the locked room, and said, "*Peace be with you.*" We pray most sincerely for peace in our lives, and in your world. We pray that peaceful solutions may be found to the protracted problems between Countries.

Lord inspire the leaders of the peoples of the free world, and the future deliberations of the United Nations, Nato, the European Community, and

the Arab League. May they all learn to work together, to trust each other, and to aim for peace amongst *all* people.

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

**Heavenly Father**, on this **Blessed Easter Morning**, with its gift of eternal life, we think of the service men and women fighting on both sides of this world's conflicts, and of their families watching and waiting.

We pray also for the **families** in these war torn countries, who have lost loved ones, whose homes have been destroyed, who have insufficient water and food for their children, and inadequate medical support.

We remember too, those countless thousands, who continue to be affected by natural disasters around the world, avalanches, droughts, fires, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis. Whilst we watch what is happening on our screens, give us a **true** sense of charity, of **thought**, and of **sacrifice**.

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

**Heavenly Father**, on this **Resurrection Morning**, we pray for ourselves. We pray for courage to give up quarrels, strifes and jealousies, within our families, our church and our community. Fill our hearts and minds with a true understanding, of the meaning of Christ's resurrection for each of us.

Help us from today, to heal our misunderstandings, to strengthen our friendships, and to welcome strangers into our lives, in your name.

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

**Heavenly Father**, on this **Healing Easter Morning**, full of new hope and promise, we pause to remember those who are ill or injured, rejected, persecuted and unloved, disturbed and dying.

Particularly on this **Special Day**, we ask you to bless, Joy Jones, Simon Brayton, Prue Carpenter, Don Lawes, Mary Smith, David Holme, Ben Amos, Elizabeth Gabriel, Harriet Bob Pady, and all those known to us personally, who need **our** prayers and **your** love.

Grant to them all, relief from pain, peace of mind, and a knowledge of your risen love.

Lord, we pray for the souls of those who have recently died, and are now **risen** with you in heaven. Particularly today we give thanks for the life of Tim Maddrell, and we ask for the comfort of your Holy Spirit, to support and sustain his loved ones, left behind to mourn.

*(Silence)*

*“Christ, you are risen from the dead.  
We, are risen **with** you.  
May our lives never deny this eternal life,  
This peace, this hope, and this joy.”*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ..  
Amen.**