

HT INTERCESSIONS

Easter Sunday 2013 (31st March)

Heavenly Father, on this **Glorious Easter Morning**, as we remember 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**, with its promise of new beginnings, 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 communities, and in your world.

Grant wisdom, grace and guidance to our spiritual leaders, archbishop Julian, our bishops John and Colin, and to Pope Francis; may they all develop an increasingly broad vision, for the **future** of your kingdom, and strive for re-unity in Jesus' name

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, and between religions.

Lord inspire the leaders of the peoples of the 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; those snowed in, cut off physically and socially, and those without power, 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 churches and our communities.
Fill our hearts and minds with a true understanding, of the meaning of Christ's resurrection for each one 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, Liz Hodges, Martin, Don Lawes, Susan, Sue Green, Muriel Greenway, Millie Moran, Harry, Olga, Lola Bennet, 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 remember _____,) and we ask for the comfort of your Holy Spirit, to support and sustain their 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.**