

PRAYER IN THE HOME

for the EASTER SEASON

GATHERING

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Christ has ascended on high.

He reigns for ever. Alleluia.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. Alleluia.

Let us light a candle to remember that God's light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

**May the light of the risen Christ
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

PSALM

BIBLE READING

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of our world. We are sorry for the damage being done to your Creation: please help us to be responsible stewards and do our part in caring for our planet.

Silence

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, we pray for the worship and witness of your Church, local, national and international. Especially we remember Christians who are not openly able to meet together through fear of persecution.

Silence

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, we pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders, that they may use their gifts well and work together for the good of all nations. We ask for a spirit of generosity, that the richer countries of the world will support the poorer as they try to recover from the pandemic and seek to alleviate hardship caused by the global economic situation.

Silence

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, we thank you for advances in medical knowledge, for both new treatments and new drugs. We pray for the work of scientists and clinicians; also for those patients who are on long waiting lists.

Silence

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, we pray for comfort and healing to all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We take a few moments to name anyone known to us who needs our prayers today.....

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father:

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.