



Intercessions for 2nd Sunday of Easter 11th April 2021

Knowing that the risen Christ is here among us, let us pray in his name for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your blessing on every group of Christians worshipping today all over the world; and we pray for all who doubt your truth. We pray that our hearts may be set ablaze with love, and that we may walk as children of light.

Father, we pray for all the areas of your world which are torn apart by hatred and violence, famine, disease, or religious differences; we pray for an end to war and a deeper commitment to peace.

Father, we pray for those who face family rejection if they become Christians, and for all families divided by beliefs or persecuted for their faith. We pray for the children of our church that they may grow up strong in the faith with good role models to guide them.

Father, we pray for those who wake up to the prospect of another day filled with pain; for those who long for someone to spend time with them, enjoying their company; and we pray for sight that notices needs.

Father, we pray for those who mourn, and we pray for those they love and miss, commending all who have died to the everlasting arms of the God of love, in whom there is life in all its fullness.

Father, with joy in our hearts we thank you for the new life opened up to us through Jesus, our redeemer.

Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**