

Intercessions for Easter Day

Lord of life, in rising from the dead you bring a hope that reaches beyond this life. Fill your Church with new energy, that it may proclaim anew your salvation, and bring the light and peace of your gospel to all people. Raise our sights beyond the limits of our own expectations. We pray for Archbishop Sarah in her new ministry in the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion, and we pray especially today for the Anglican Church in Mexico.

Give thanks to the Lord: **Rejoice and praise his name**

Lord of life, you love all people equally. So guide us that we leave no place for the hatreds that divide and oppress. Be with us and all who follow you in the way, and bind us together as fellow citizens of your Kingdom. Deepen our understanding of your truth, and fill us with your life as we live and worship together. We pray for peace and reconciliation in all places of conflict in our world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan.

Give thanks to the Lord: **Rejoice and praise his name**

Lord of life, you chose to reveal your resurrection to the women first. Forgive the prejudices that dismiss the witness of those whom you make unlikely messengers of your truth. Bring new life to all our relationships, and nourish us all with your word of life as we encounter others day by day.

Give thanks to the Lord: **Rejoice and praise his name**

Lord of life, you offer us a vision of new heavens and a new earth. Keep from despair all who carry heavy burdens of mind, body or spirit. We pray for all whom we know who are suffering today in any way, and for those suffering in other parts of the world whom we do not know, in a moment of silence...

Strengthen and uphold them all in their sufferings.

Give thanks to the Lord: **Rejoice and praise his name**

Lord of life, your resurrection startled and amazed your grief-stricken friends. We give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. We remember those who have died, especially those known to us personally and those who have died recently. In your love raise us with them to eternal life.

Give thanks to the Lord: **Rejoice and praise his name**

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. **Amen.**