

INTERCESSIONS

As the tree of the Cross draws us to new life in Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope and life. Our response to the intercessions is **'hear our prayer.'**

a brief silence

That the Church may ever rejoice in this gift of salvation, be the spotless vessel of Christ's truth and peace and that Christians may extend the joy of the Gospel by word and deed. God of new life,
hear our prayer.

That the world may be delivered from oppression, terror, and violence and be filled with the peace that Christ gives. God of new life,
hear our prayer.

That all the baptized, brothers and sisters of Christ through the waters of Baptism, may grow as God's people and walk in newness of life. God of new life,
hear our prayer.

That those who weep and are downcast, those who suffer and are sick may be met by the risen Christ Who turns sorrow into joy. We pray especially for Your servants *Tom, Ruth, Dale & Jackie, Earle, John & Eardeen, Theda, Marlene, Doris, Aaron, Donald, Michelle and Dwight, as well as Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, Flora Mae, John Hunt & John Staley.* God of new life,
hear our prayer.

For all of our sons and daughters in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies, that they may drive tyranny and rule by terror from the face of the earth, discharging their duty with a clear conscience, with discipline, with honor and with courage. We pray especially for Your servants *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael and Kevin.* God of new life,
hear our prayer.

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them. God of new life,
hear our prayer.

That with all the faithful who have died in Christ, with Blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother of Our Lord, Saint James the Apostle and all Your Saints, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God Who triumphs over death and gives eternal life. God of new life,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the Crucified and Risen One, Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always,
and also with you.

Let us greet one another in peace with the Easter greeting, 'He is present among us.'