

THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

Standing before God and given new life by the Risen Christ, let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks for the forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation in the Risen Christ and for the abundant beauty of creation in these glorious days of Eastertide. Especially we give thanks for the gentle rain that has refreshed our land and all living things this past week:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

We pray for those who are confined to home, for those recovering from illness, for those awaiting diagnosis, for those under treatment and for the victims of war, accident and natural disaster and for the dying, especially: *Denise, Earle, Jack & Jackie, Alma, Ruth, Theda, Gloria, Cecilia, Tom, Doris, Aaron, Donald, Michelle* and *Dwight*, as well as *Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, Flora Mae, John Hunt & John Staley, Chad* and *Willis*, and for the 113 victims of the Armenian plane crash and their families:

We pray as well for all of our sons and daughters in serving in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies especially for *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael* and *Kevin*, that God would protect them and grant victory to the just:

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, rest the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous. In Your love, give us all this, through Jesus Christ Our Risen Lord. Amen.

We pray for the Church in this and every place, that she may ever look for her defense and sustenance to her good and faithful Shepherd:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for Your Holy Catholic Church throughout the world. Fill her with all truth and peace. Where she is corrupt, purify her; where she is in error, correct her; where in anything she is amiss, reform her; where she is right, strengthen her; where she is in need, provide for her; where she is divided, reunite her; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Savior. Amen.