

Prayers of the Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

A: On this day we praise our God for the death which destroyed death, and we pray for our world in need of life.

The Lord calls us to examine the wounded hands and side of the risen one, and to know the depth of His love for us. Let us approach Christ in faith and share the good news with all we meet. Lord, in your mercy . . .

The apostles received the Holy Spirit and the grace to lighten the burdens of one another's sin. May we be faithful to this gift. May we all live with abundant compassion for those in need, especially for troubled families, for the needy, and those shut out from society. Lord, in your mercy . . .

Christ calls us blessed who, not having seen, yet believe. May more and more of God's people and all creation become a sign of the resurrection in the world, and may our faith give courage to the doubting and unbelieving. Lord, in your mercy . . .

We are strengthened by Christ's resurrection to share the power of the Spirit with all the suffering. We pray for all in any need, and especially for Messiah members Beth Martin, Dick Miller, Dorothy Martin, Gordon Ebright, John Lentz, Karen Fox, Marion Bowman, Nick Adams; and our friends Abigail, Barry, Betsy, Bill & Janet, Brian & Cindy, Charlie, Daniel, Deb, Doug, Glen, Harry, Karen, Kristin, Mark, Matthew, Mikey, Peter, Randy & Dottie, Roberta, Ruth, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Pastor Ted, and those we name in our hearts (*pause for 30 seconds . . .*) May the power of Christ's resurrection give life to all who see no hope in this world. Lord, in your mercy . . .

Holy Father, give Your Church pastors, bishops, and theologians who faithfully proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel. Make them faithful, true, and bold. Let them find joy in Your service. We pray for our bishop, Dan Selbo, our General Secretary, Amy Little, as well as the staff of the North American Lutheran Church. We pray also for our Central Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for Trinity Lutheran Church in Warrenton, Virginia. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy...

Jesus gave His disciples the gift of peace. We pray for peace and freedom throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and in the Holy Land. We pray for safety for those in military service. Lord, in your mercy . . .

P: Eternal Creator God, give us the faith and courage to see the world recreated in your image. We ask this in the name of the risen one, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.