

## PRAYERS – EASTER SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Below are some prayer points you can use, whether you are alone, as a couple, or with your family. Feel free to add to them as you wish.

Or, of course, you can also come up with your own prayers.

Alternatively, you can use the full responsive prayer further below.

If there are several of you together you may wish to share the prayers. After each part the person praying may like to say; **Lord, in your mercy**, to which everyone else responds; **Hear our prayer**.

- Praise God for the Good News of Jesus' resurrection
- Thank God that Jesus died and rose again so we can be forgiven
- Pray for all those who don't know and believe that Jesus lives for them today
- Ask God to help us live out this new hope in our lives
- Think of people who are in any kind of need at the moment, and pray for them and their needs
- Praise God for all of His blessings. List them off and consider how God cares for us even at this time.

### **A Responsive Prayer**

Creator God, we ask that the light of Christ would shine in the church, so that all may see it and be drawn to faith in God.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
**dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Redeeming God, we pray that the light of Christ would shine in our community, so that our friends and neighbours may know with us the joy of new life.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
**dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Loving God, we ask that the light of Christ would shine into the darkness of despair, to lift up all who are grieving, lonely, suffering, or without hope.

*(special prayers for people we know may be used here)*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
**dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Saviour God, we pray that the light of Christ would shine into the darkness of human hearts, wherever deeds of greed, oppression and injustice are being planned.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
**dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Risen God, we ask that the light of Christ would shine in the darkness of the grave and tomb, and that all who have died in Christ may rise to life again.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
**dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Lord of all creation, we thank you for the gift of light, which you created in the beginning by the power of your word. Shine the light of Christ upon us and all the world, so that we may come to feast with you in eternal light; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our light and our life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**