

Prayers of the People - Easter -2- C

Gathered with the living Christ among us, let us offer prayers to God for the needs of all the world, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we who have met the risen Christ may be instruments of healing and forgiveness in our broken world. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may witness to Christ by our deeds and invite others to know Christ through the words we speak. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who struggle with faith or who lack belief, that God's presence and love may be made known to them and bring light to their life's journey. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Sri Lanka, that in their shock and grief they may come to know God's healing and peace in their families and communities. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who live and work in places of violence and unrest, and for those who struggle for peace and justice, that Christ's gift of peace may settle in the hearts of all the human family. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially.....that they may find healing in the name of the Risen Christ. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that having acknowledged Jesus as their Lord and their God, they may rejoice forever with the Living One. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Holy God, who gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer in the hope of glory and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always, and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.