**The Universal Prayer**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**13th April 2025**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

in entering into the mystery of the Passion of Jesus

we reach out in prayer for all whose lives

are narked with suffering.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis:

may God hear the prayer of the Church,

offered for his healing.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

1. For the Church in suffering:

may those enduring persecution be sustained in grace and hope.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

2. For our broken world:

may the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine and Sudan cease

so that suffering comes to an end and peace is restored everywhere.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

3. For people everywhere:

may despair and pain be lifted from every heart

so that hope is restored everywhere.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

4. For our nation during this time preparing for Federal elections:

may those burdened with homelessness, fear and poverty

not be forgotten, nor the needy, helped through Australia’s overseas aid.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

5. For those preparing for their Easter baptism:

may Jesus Christ be their life always; and for those preparing for full communion in the Catholic Church that the Spirit will be their guide.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

7. For those who have died:

may union with Father, Son and Holy Spirit be their eternal joy.

We especially remember ….

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: O God,

as you unite the suffering people

of our Church and world to the passion and death

of your Son, Jesus,

so we pray with great trust and confidence,

that they may share the glory of his resurrection,

for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 14th April 2025**

**Monday of Holy Week**

Celebrant: Jesus has been revealed to us

as God’s Suffering Servant

who brings to our world the gift of true justice.

1. May the priests who will gather in prayer at tonight’s Mass of the Holy Oils, joyfully renew their priestly commitment in the presence of Archbishop O’Regan and the people of God.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May our Archbishop and priests, along with the deacons, consecrated people and all the faithful unite in prayer for the well-being of Pope Francis.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens, and the consecration of Holy Chrism tonight by Archbishop Patrick, bring the holiness, healing and sanctification of Jesus to all who will be anointed with them.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May all members of the Church live the compassion of Christ

so that they never break the crushed reed

nor quench the wavering flame.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May Christ bless with his peace the suffering people of Palestine and Israel and in Ukraine, and release them from the terror which enfolds them.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May the anointing of Jesus by Mary of Bethany

help us to see Christ in others, signs of his mercy to us.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Father, be our light and salvation always.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 15th April 2025**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

Celebrant: My friends, Jesus, God’s Suffering Servant,

has been made a light to the nations,

the source of salvation for all people.

1. That Pope Francis will unite his sufferings with those of Jesus

for the salvation and peace of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That those who are suffering for their faith

may know that, as it was for Jesus, so their cause is with the Father,

and their reward is God.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That those who are troubled in spirit and who live with fear,

may find in the same experiences of Jesus

a strength which sustains them and gives them hope.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That as we share this Eucharist

may we, like the Beloved Disciple,

rest our heads on the Heart of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That those who betray a friend

may receive the grace to repent, to be forgiven

and to be reconciled again.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That peace will come to Palestine and Israel, to Ukraine and Russia,

Haiti and Myanmar, so that the suffering caused by war and terrorism comes to an end.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, in times of trouble we take our refuge in you.

Let us sing of your salvation,

given through Jesus your Son,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 16th April 2025**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Celebrant: Jesus, God’s Suffering Servant,

put his trust in his heavenly Father

who raised him through death to a new life.

1. May Pope Francis unite himself with Jesus, the Suffering Servant, knowing that God will come to help him.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May we be true disciples

and listen to God every day

so that we may do what is right and true.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May those who endure war in Palestine and Israel come to peace and reconciliation, so that the hostages and those imprisoned without charge will be released, the injured cared for, the children protected, the starving fed and the homeless receive shelter.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Eucharist

with the same attention with which the disciples prepared

the Upper Room for the Last Supper.

Lord, have mercy

1. May our sacristans and all those who will prepare our churches for the Sacred Triduum do so as an act of prayer for the unity and peace

of our parishes and communities.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May we receive the grace never to betray a friend,

but if we have done so in the past, may we know the grace of God’s forgiveness and the joy of reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Loving Father, in your great love answer us,

and bring to every restless heart

peace through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday of the Lord’s Supper**

**Thursday 17th April 2025**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

like the apostles of old

we gather at the table of the Lord

and learn the meaning of humble service.

1. We pray for the Church in every place

that faith in Jesus in the Eucharist

will sustain, nourish and fill them with charity.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

1. We pray for Pope Francis in his needs,

that his Christ-like love of the poor

will lead the Christian community to care for them

as a fruit of their sharing the Eucharist.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. We pray for Archbishop Patrick and all priests and deacons

who serve in the Archdiocese,

that their lives will be dedicated to serving the people

after the example of Jesus, the Suffering-Servant.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

1. We pray for the people of the Holy Land

where Jesus first shared his Body and Blood with this disciples,

that he may save everyone from the hatred and violence of war,

and bring them peace.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy,**

1. We pray for all Christians who suffer persecution,

that with a firm faith in Jesus Christ,

they will be united with him in his sufferings

and come to know the glory of his resurrection.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Father,

we pray for the community of the Church.

and the clergy called to serve,

that the Eucharist will be the source and centre of

the Christian life of every Catholic.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lotf**

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

**Saturday 19th April 2025**

Celebrant: Dear friends, this is the night of

amazing joy: the crucified Jesus has been raised,

a new birth is given to the Elect,

and the whole Church is renewed in Jesus’ mercy.

1. We pray for those newly baptized in the Name of the Holy Trinity (in our parish) (in our Archdiocese) tonight,

that they may have a new joy in Jesus

and find a new home in the faith community of the Church.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for Pope Francis,

that as he is a strong witness to the compassion of God in his own sickness, he may lead the Church as pilgrims of Hope during this

Jubilee Year.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for Christians persecuted around the world,

that they may be strong in their faith in Jesus,

and receive courage and hope as they face danger and fear.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for peace in our world

and especially in the land where Jesus lived, died and rose again,

that peace will come to all, hatred be extinguished and

people be able to live in safety again.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for all in need,

that the homeless, the fearful, the hungry and the destitute

will be transformed in the risen Jesus,

as we dedicate ourselves to their care.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Risen Jesus,

let heaven and earth rejoice,

for raised from the dead

you make us alive with faith, hope and charity.

You who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Mass during the Day**

**20th April 2025**

Celebrant My friends in Christ,

the empty tomb confirmed the faith

of Peter and John,

and is the sign that life is stronger than death.

1. We pray for Pope Francis in his time of convalescence,

that he may continue to serve the Church with the tenderness of Jesus

and build up hope in the hearts of all as we walk together as

Pilgrims of Hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for those baptized at the Easter Vigil

and those received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church,

that Jesus will be their life from now onwards,

always living by faith, with hope and in charity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for all in our Archdiocese,

that Archbishop Patrick and all priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful

will serve gladly in the spirt of the risen Jesus,

and as Pilgrims of Hope, bring an enduring hope to all distressed

in our world.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for persecuted Christians,

that they may live for Jesus with courage,

knowing that he has conquered all sin and division

and is their rock of refuge.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the people of the Holy Land and Ukraine,

that trusting in One God, who is Lord of all,

they will be released from the tyranny of war,

from all hatred and violence,

and so come to a lasting and just peace.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for all…..:

may….

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for all the victims of war and natural disasters,

that they may be delivered from death

and find their eternal joy in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We remember…

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Risen Lord,

you, the One rejected by the people,

have become the Saviour of the world,

the living sign of God’s all-embracing mercy:

forgive sinners,

heal our broken world,

affirm our faith,

and grant peace to all,

you who live and reign

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**