

Dear God,

We thank you for this time of Easter. For our togetherness as a Church and community. For those we have met, the meals taken together, the services and worship in this place and elsewhere.

We thank you for the peace of this place and the vibrancy of our community, where the warmth and growth of spring are all around us. We come to you in prayer this second Sunday of Easter. May we be guided by your holy Spirit as we reach out to you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Let us pray for your Church...for our leaders: bishops, clergy, laity. Especially - Jeremy Trew, Romey Poston, Bren Brundritt and our home teams. May they be led by your spirit and know faith, hope and charity above all else.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Let us pray for Charles our King. May he represent you in his dealings with all, from the meanest to the highest of state. Let us pray for his government, may they remember their duty to this nation, our liberties and justice, and be guided by love in policies and dealings with others.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Let us pray for the leaders and representatives of other nations. May they be guided by your words and spirit, not by greed and power, and therefore be led to only peace, through love and charity, to care for their peoples.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Let us pray for our communities of Ashdon and Hadstock. May they thrive in our care as we strive to remember you in the centre of our lives. May we all act with fairness and justice to all our neighbours, especially as we prepare for County elections. Let us pray for those in our communities who are preparing for marriage, let them know love in their relationships.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who struggle. Those you can't find love, food, a roof, health. Lord help us to seek those of us who need help, and join them in their journey to joy with the knowledge of you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord let us remember those who have passed on. Let us pray for those left behind, and that through believing you, may have life in Jesus' name.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ

Amen