

**Prayer of the Faithful**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Introduction**

People of God, the psalmist calls us to rejoice and be glad because Christ is risen. With this firmly in our hearts and minds let us turn to God with our needs.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for the church and her leaders that they will all truly witness to the risen Christ in word and deed as they journey in a synodal way. Lord hear us.
2. We pray for the leaders of all nations that they will ensure that religious freedom is a right so that joy in the resurrection can be celebrated in Christian communities. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for those who are suffering persecution because they are Christian. May the light of the risen Christ be truly in their hearts as they persevere for the gospel. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for our Diocese of Armidale, that we will soon be blessed with a new Bishop, a wise and compassionate shepherd for our people. Lord hear us.
5. We pray for those who do not believe in Christ. May they receive the good news and rejoice through the witness of Christians everywhere. Lord hear us.
6. We pray for ourselves as we gather to rejoice in the day of the Lord. May we authentically witness to the good news in every aspect of our lives. Lord hear us.
7. We pray for all those who are suffering ill health, or from violence or isolation. May the light of the resurrection enter their lives through those who care for them and serve them. Lord hear us.

**Conclusion**

Lord, this is indeed the day you have made and we will rejoice and be glad because you will answer all our needs through the power of the Spirit and in the name of the risen Christ. Amen