Prayer of the Faithful

18th April, 3rd Sunday of Easter

**Introduction**

Flowing with the joy of the resurrection, we offer all our needs and the needs of our community to our Father and our God.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for our spiritual leaders in the Church, especially Pope Francis, that they will continue to find peace and refreshment during this Easter season.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for parents, teachers and catechists that they may be granted the strength and encouragement required to help others recognise Christ’s presence in Word and Sacrament.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith throughout the world. May they find the support they need through Church and other agencies that we generously support.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for those who have grown weak or infirm: that we might see God’s power in their fragility and experience a new revelation of God’s love for them;

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray that the elderly may cherish each moment of their lives, and in their sunset years experience the love and attention they need.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for our children in the local community, that they will be taught the love and selflessness of Christ’s sacrifice upon the cross and the way to live in the light of the resurrection.

(Pause) Lord hear us

**Conclusion**

Loving Father, we ask that you hear our prayer and grant our petitions, as we continue to remember the true meaning of Easter. In the power of the Spirit and the

name of your obedient Son, the Lord Jesus.

Amen.