

Celebrant: Through Christ's resurrection, new light, life and peace have come into the world. With confidence, we offer our prayers of intercession to God, who changes all mourning into dancing.

1 For Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church: may they be inspired to continually open up the Scriptures to reveal the Good News of the resurrection.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

2 For all who seek election to serve the nation: may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

3 For journalists around the world: that Press Freedom Day, on Tuesday, will renew their dedication to fearless reporting of the truth.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

4 For all those in our health- and aged-care systems who bring comfort and healing to the sick, the frail and the dying: may God protect and uphold them in their important work, and may they be encouraged and well supported in their calling to serve the most vulnerable among us.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

5 For our parish community: that the Spirit of the risen Lord will enliven our faith and inspire our mission.

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Lord hear us.

6 We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

7 We commend to your love those who have died recently especially, Fr Michael Francis Mulchay PE, Pietro Della Chiesa and Antonina De Maria and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Patrick McGrath and Sam Sofia. May they share fully in the life of the risen Lord.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

Merciful God,

as we lift these prayers to you;

we thank you for your blessings

and ask you to continue to be a source of joy for us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

