

Easter Sunday
General Intercessions

March 24, 2024

Our Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

1. Pope Francis has emphasized that the Church today, like Jesus 2,000 years ago, needs to transmit a message of hope, "especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, [and] those who do not matter in the eyes of the world". Today, we pray that the power of the Resurrection and the Gospel witness of the Church around the world may bring new opportunities for healing, renewal and dignity to those who are alienated, in sin, in despair or who are otherwise suffering,

We pray to the Lord,

2. This coming week is the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the American Baptist minister who was a leading figure in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. As we recall this terrible moment in our nation's history, we pray for racial reconciliation and justice for all, as the important work King and others did in their lives continues today,

We pray to the Lord,

3. The Resurrection is the founding event for the Church and a sign of hope, love and mercy in a world of despair. This Easter, we pray for the Church Universal--that the Church will be an instrument of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know alienation and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected or lost,

We pray to the Lord,