

Intercessions for Easter Day 2020 – Holy Trinity Williamstown

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ, for you have triumphed gloriously.
We pray for your world: for the welfare of all your people and for your creation entrusted to our care; for all in positions of authority; for all people in their daily work.
We pray especially at this time for all those working in medical facilities, for medical researchers, and those providing care to the most vulnerable around the world.

Roll away the stones of hatred and greed. Transform us with your spirit of justice and righteousness, that all your people may share in the freedom of your risen life.
Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ, for you have cancelled the power of sin.
We pray for your worldwide church: for our sisters and brothers in Christ, for the people of this parish dispersed but still connected.

Roll away the stones of discord and unbelief. Transform your church with your spirit of wisdom and truth, that we may be in the world a witness to your risen life.
Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ, for you show us the mighty power of love.
We pray for our communities; for our families, our friends and all whom we love; for the forgotten and undervalued people of society; for all those feeling isolated and alone.

Roll away the stones of apathy and selfishness. Transform our lives with your spirit of love and forgiveness, that we may share in the joy of your risen life.
Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ, for you bring us hope when all seems lost.
We pray for all who suffer: for the hungry and homeless, the lonely and friendless; for those who mourn and are grieving; for those who wait anxiously; for the sick and the sorrowing and all who care for them.

Roll away the stones of pain and despair. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your comfort and balm, that they may share in the hope of your risen life.
Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ, for you have broken the bonds of death.
We pray for those who have died recently; we give you thanks for your faithful people of every age; for Mary Magdalene, Peter and John and for all who have seen you and believed. May we, following their example and yours, cast off all that binds us in death.

Transform our lives by your risen power, that we, with all your saints, may come to share for ever in the glory of your risen life.
Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**