

Universal Prayer
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27 & 28

We pray for an increase of the gift of faith: that the Holy Spirit will guide all people who struggle with doubt, easing the hardness of their hearts to recognize the presence of God in their lives.

We pray for those who have been away from the Church: that the divine mercy of our Risen Savior will draw all people to the fountain of repentance, forgiveness, and healing.

We pray for those who were killed in the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka; for their families and community who grieve. May the hope and promise of the Resurrection bring peace to those affected by this tragedy.

We pray for all those who harbor evil and violence in their hearts: that, through witnessing the virtuous lives of those who live for Christ, they will undergo conversion of heart and be reconciled to God and to humanity.

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We pray for the poor and all in need: that each of us will open our eyes to the poverty that exists in our own community, and care for those individuals and families who need our support.

We pray for the students who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend/today. May they always grow in devotion and understanding of the Eucharist as nourishment for eternal life.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will share in Christ's victory over death...

5:00 ...and for **Bill Munie, Jr.** who is remembered in this Mass.

8:30 ...and for **Joseph Rademacher – and Jane Isselhardt** who are remembered in this Mass.