

Universal Prayer
Easter Vigil
April 19

We pray for the Church on this night of the Lord's triumph: that the resurrection fire kindled this night might spread through the darkness of an unbelieving world with irresistible power.

We pray for our world: that God, who created the order and harmony of the earth out of a formless void, may in the renewal of this paschal mystery bring peace out of selfish power struggles and restore reverence for every human being made in His image and likeness.

We pray for all who are reborn tonight and for all of us consecrated to Jesus, washed in the living water from His pierced side: that we may all truly die to sin in Him, trusting also that we will share His triumph.

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We pray for all who are still in the darkness of ignorance, sin, addiction, and unresolved

pain: that the Risen One may make them shine for joy in His presence with all His holy ones.

We pray in gratitude for the deployed military, first responders, and all other public service workers who will spend this holiday away from their loved ones caring for others.

We pray for the poor and suffering of our world:

that they will be freed from strife and infirmities, and recreated and healed in the life of the Risen Christ.

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed:

that Jesus, who is our paschal sacrifice, the Lamb upon our altar, may purify them for life in his perfect kingdom...

...and for Jane Rutter for whom this Mass is offered.