

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

PRIEST

My dear friends, on the first day of the week our risen Saviour appeared to his disciples and told them not to be afraid. Let us ask God that all people may be delivered from fear and share in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

PEOPLE

On this, Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray that Pope Francis receives continued grace, courage and strength as he embraces the call of the Spirit for renewal of our Church at this special time which is indeed one of renewal and hope.... **LORD HEAR US.**

Our prayers are with our parish community. We pray that all of us, our fellow parishioners, their families and the people in our community grow in God's love and mercy....**LORD HEAR US**

As we hear the suffering around us all, we pray that we can model our lives on that of Jesus who showed us the way to engage with suffering and whose own suffering and resurrection provide the world with such hope **LORD HEAR US**

Our Australian Catholic Plenary Council of 2020 offers us all the opportunity to contribute to a new future for our Church. We pray that all of us can work together to inspire much needed changes, redress the failures of the past and together, rejuvenate the spirit of Jesus in our Church and our world... **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for our young people as they search for their own meaning and the realisation of who they are as God's children. We pray that at this time they are inspired by the Holy Spirit to find their lives filled with hope, love and spiritual purpose....**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for our own special intentions(Pause) **LORD HEAR US**

We pray that the Risen Christ may heal the sick and comfort all who are afflicted in any way, particularly in our own families and parish, and may those who died this week be at peace in the arms of the Lord.**LORD HEAR US**

PRIEST

God our Father, hear the prayers of those who believe in you. Help us to show that Christ is risen and that he lives in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen