

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Third Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021

Intercessor: *Jane Whittemore*

In joy and hope let us pray to source of all life, saying, **Hear us, Lord of Life.**

O Risen Saviour, fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. We pray that even amidst the challenges presented by the COVID virus, you may inspire us to be hopeful and share the joy in the Easter message.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

We pray to you O Lord, that The Church universal may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel and for churches everywhere as they find new and innovative ways to be Church outside of their walls.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Grant us humility, O Lord, to be subject to one another in Christian love. Loving our neighbours as ourselves, we pray for our community and all communities around the world. We ask your blessing for those celebrating birthdays this week: ***Margaret Crawford, Karen Haslam, Dylan Francis, David Lebrun, and David Parson.***

Hear us, Lord of Life.

We pray for the equitable distribution of the vaccine and ask for your wisdom that we all have the strength to follow best practices and serve one another as a community to defeat this virus.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Following your example O Lord, give us compassion to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. We pray for refugees and all who lack adequate housing in our community and around the world.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

O Lord, let your love and gentle mercy surround our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of the Windward Islands as the La Soufriere volcano continues to erupt. We pray for the safety of those who live there and for those evacuating them.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

O Risen Lord, reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they be comforted and strengthened. We pray for, ***Marlin, Marilyn, Angela, Rob, Peter, Nikki, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Maggie D., Jack, Scott, Harold, Ulrika, Debbie, Marilyn, Lisa, Mary, Alexia, Judy & Erin, Judy, Marion, and Steve & Carrie.***

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Holy and gracious God, send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon your people, that we may bear faithful witness to your son's resurrection. ***You have called your faithful servant Philip home, we pray for your divine comfort and strength for our Queen, the Royal Family, and all who mourn the passing of Prince Philip.*** Rest eternal grant to him, may his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Amen.