Intercessions – 4th/5th April 2026 – Year A

Priest: Lord of new life, as we celebrate the joy of Easter, we come before you with our prayers, confident that you love us more than we can possibly imagine.

Reader: To the prayer: Lord hear us…Our Response is**: Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo, for our Bishop Richard Moth and his Assistants, and for leaders of all world faiths, as they call for peace in the Middle East. May Christian communities be places of welcome, compassion and safety for all who seek healing and a new beginning.
PAUSE
Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for the world and its leaders, that the light of Easter morning may scatter the darkness of conflict, fear, and division, inspiring leaders to choose peace, justice, and the dignity of every person.
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Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for an end to war and bloodshed. May dialogue, understanding and compassion replace weapons, brutality and hatred. May warring factions listen to Jesus' words, "Peace be with you." We also pray We pray for children and young people, that they may look forward to a future of hope. May families proclaim resurrection life and tenderness to our world which is aching for love.
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Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for those who struggle to hope, who, like Mary Magdalene, are searching, grieving, or unsure where to turn. May the Risen Lord meet them gently and restore their joy. We also pray for our parish community, that we may be witnesses of resurrection in our daily lives: people of compassion, reconciliation, and quiet courage, carrying Easter hope to everyone we meet.
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Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week. We pray especially for Ron Neeves who did last Saturday.

Eternal rest, give unto them, O Lord…**Let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace**

We pray with Mary, the humble servant of the Lord; **Hail Mary..**

Silently we pray for our own intentions, those contained in our Parish Book of Intercessions and those of the Parish of **Our Lady of the Assumption, Bethnal Green.**

A Parish Prayer for Peace 2026 Lord, send us the gift of peace. Change the hearts of those who choose violence and wage war. Turn them away from persecution and lead them towards peace. Transform hatred into understanding, anger into compassion, and fear into hope. Through your love, heal what is broken. Fill us with your Spirit, so that with one voice, we may cry out together, throughout the world: Lord, send us the gift of peace. Amen.

Priest: God of life and love, you opened the tomb and filled the world with hope. Hear the prayers we bring in faith and make us signs of your risen presence. Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.