

Sunday Prayers.4.12.2026

God of Resurrection,

Spring is making its way into our world...moving winter aside. We see the greens, the resurrection pushing through the dark earth. We feel the warmth of the sun. We feel the hope as we welcome a new season. The planet needs renewing. The people of the planet need rebirth. The earth needs our collaborative spirits to keep things fresh, and hopeful and alive. Help us help the earth...and all of creation. Help us know the way you have invited us to go. Help us overcome the injustice...the oppression... the violence...the evil...and rise with the promise of new life...everywhere. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Easter,

We grieve the people we lose along the way. Death seems so permanent. The people we love who have died seem so stone cold and silent. How do we process this reality? The empty tomb? The promised paradise? Help us. Help us as we see the tulips and the daffodils rise. Help us as we see the crocuses and the alliums. Help us as we see the buds on the trees and the color of life reframe the horizon. Help us know...that all those things are symbols of your reality—of your resurrection reality. Help us know that those we love, rise, too. Today, we hold all those who grieve...and especially those who have recently lost people they love in their lives:

- Deb Nies and Linda Aumann and family on the death of Linda's mom, Anne.
- Kathy Vogt and family on the death of Darrell.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Hope,

In the midst of all that is wrong in our world, please bring hope. Soften hearts. Heal the hunger. Shelter the houseless...and comfort the people living in chaos. Make your love known. Bring it to bear in real, passionate and powerful ways. The world needs to experience your resurrection today in small ways and forever in huge ways. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Resurrection Reality,

Healing is needed by so many people for so many things—physical ailments—chronic pain, cancer, cardiac issues; mental health concerns—depression, grief, fear and anxiety, spiritual parts of us too—the need to

know...the doubt...the questions...help us in the midst of all that needs healing in us, to be healed. Help us to feel whole in your love. We are told that you are as present as the air we breathe...help us know that in the breath that fills our lungs right now. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of New Life,

The leadership in the world needs a dose of humanitarian love—the kind that protects all life. It is not easy being a leader...and yet, leaders are entrusted with the care of all people. All the people in the world are precious and rare...and yours. Empower every leader of every kind...everywhere...to lead with your love...and grace and compassion. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray—everything that we lift before you...and trust that you will tend it all with mercy and love.
Amen.