

Sunday 12 April – Second Sunday of Easter

Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz

Father God, as David said we thank you and praise you because you are always with us, standing at our right hand so that we will not be shaken. We pray for all Christian people throughout the world, that they will remember they are not on their own and that you will always be with them, even when they are being persecuted for their faith. With you at our right hand we cannot fall.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

In this Easter season, as spring continues and new life bursts forth on the earth, we thank you for the new life we all have in Christ through his bursting from the tomb. We praise you for the wonders of the beautiful diverse world you created and ask for wisdom that we may draw back from the actions we are taking that are damaging your creation. We also pray for your peace for the war-torn areas of our world, thinking especially of the Middle East and Ukraine.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for our families and our loved ones, and for all those living in our communities and villages in and around Tiptree. Bless those who serve us in our local shops, our medical centre, dental practice and our local hospitals. Give wisdom to those in authority that the ongoing dispute with the resident doctors may be finally resolved, we pray.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you had compassion for those who were sick. We pray for all those who are suffering at this time, in body, mind or spirit. We ask for healing and comfort for them, lifting up to you this morning especially Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Sue Copsy, David Richards, Joanne Fearis and in a moment of silence those known to each of us individually....

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we know that we have a living hope through the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus, but we still struggle when we no longer see those we love. Give comfort to all those mourning the loss of a loved one at this time, including the family and friends of your faithful servants June

Groeninger and Brian Southwood. We also bring before you those mourning the loss of a loved one at this time in past years, remembering from our memorial book Stella Eastbrook, Raymond Murrells, Sybil Graham and Rodney Borgartz. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lastly, we pray for ourselves, that we may gain the same courage the Lord gave to his disciples when he appeared to them in the upper room to live our lives following your commandments and spreading the joy of the risen Lord with all those we meet.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen