**Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant**: With exultation and joy we proclaim that Christ is Risen, and that through him we can now offer our prayers to the Father.

1. For the Church: that the Jubilee of Hope may transform the minds and hearts of all believers through the Risen Life of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For our parish community: may this holy night rekindle in our hearts the grace of our own baptism. Help us to recognise the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may build up the Body of Christ in faith, hope and love. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those in positions of leadership in society: may the Risen Lord illumine their minds and hearts in ways that promotes the common good. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who are baptized and received into the Church this night, as they begin their lives as members of the Christian family, may they grow in holiness. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who long for new founded hope this night: those who are ill, the poor, the homeless on our streets, and those in prison. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who have died, that Christ, who conquered death, may welcome them into eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ your Son, we ask you to strengthen us in faith, that we may glory in being called a ‘chosen race, a holy nation, a people for your own possession’. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**