

Risen Lord Jesus, we adore you and praise your name.  
Today you defeated death and rose again.  
You died on the cross that we might be free.  
Thank you, risen Lord, that you did this for us,  
so that we might enjoy the freedom of eternal life.  
Risen Lord Jesus, we worship and adore you.  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

God, who brought new hope to the world through resurrection,  
we bring before you those who have no joy and no hope,  
those who fear the future,  
who see no light at the end of the tunnel,  
those scarred by pain and sadness, or who grieve.  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those yet to hear your good news,  
whether that is because they live in far-flung places,  
or because they are closed to the message  
and the possibility of 'What if?'  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Help us to be Easter people,  
willing always to share the good news of hope,  
restoration and freedom to all those we meet  
- neighbours, friends and strangers alike.  
Help us especially to do so in this time of crisis.  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen**