

Prayers of Intercession
April 20, 2025

Responsive Sentence for Resurrection of Our Lord:

Assisting Minister: *““Set our minds on heavenly things...”*

C: *... Fill us with your joy”.*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a brief silence

Almighty God, you have fought to restore us to righteousness for these many generations, and in Christ Jesus, you have won the victory over sin and death. Help us, Lord, to tell the story of that victory and give thanks for it daily, that our daughters and sons may know your steadfast kindness and live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Lord God, on this day you have broken the bonds of death, and have risen victorious over the power of the grave. Thank you especially for your gift of forgiveness and new life. By your grace, grant that each day the sinner in us may be put to death and the new self be raised to live with you in righteousness and faith. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Heavenly Father, we bring those who suffer into the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May those suffering sickness, disease, grief, and injustices and paths with an uncertain future find comfort and strength in the promise of Jesus' death and life. [We pray especially for those we now name aloud or silently in our heart....]. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Donald Trump and our Governor Josh Shapiro, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all of our military leaders, and all of our servicemen and women. Together let us proclaim.... "In God we trust." Lord, help us to be quick to listen to others while we remain strong to publicly express our concern for life, especially the most vulnerable, the preborn, children, elderly and the sick. Draw us all together in commitment to freedom, justice, and peace. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as Israel and Hamas, we ask you Lord to remove all attempts to undermine an end to war. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.

We ask your blessing upon all congregations who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and all pastors, and please pray for all the congregations of the Atlantic Mission Region. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.