

UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart.¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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INTENTIONS

We remember those who are suffering, especially those unable to be with elderly family members.

We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

We pray for new life, and the hope Easter Sunday brings to our world.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We ask you to be present with us during this time of crisis in our world. We pray for the many who have lost loved ones during this pandemic and for those who are grieving. We ask you to help our world see the eternal hope of new life that you offer us; a new humanity.

Amen

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (20:1-9)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

WE REFLECT

Each day that we are alive we have much to celebrate. Life is a great gift from God, and we show our love for our creator by the way we live our one wild and precious life. So, get up, life has conquered death, shout for joy and get busy living!

What are the stones we need to roll away in our life so we can live it more abundantly?

Pause for a moment of reflection.

WE RESPOND

In seeking to be present in the world of young people, at times we will encounter injustice, suffering and sometimes evil. Jesus invites us to incorporate these experiences into our lives as a sharing in his Paschal Mystery – the unity of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the paradox of failure producing life, life drawn from suffering. (WFR 143)

We carry out this mission in a variety of ways. In all of them, we seek to kindle the faith of people, and we give special value to initiatives that promote life and justice. (WFR 145)

In responding to the crisis unfolding around us globally we turn to our Marist spirituality which calls on us to be both passionate and compassionate in our love and care of each other. To understand that our response must give hope, that while physically apart we are together, united in prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mary and the disciples were distressed by the empty tomb as they "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead". We ask your help to believe just as Mary and the disciples did, and to help all share in your Paschal Mystery.

Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another



Someone I loved once
gave me a box full of
darkness.

It took me years to
understand that this, too,
was a gift.

Mary Oliver

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