**The Universal Prayer**

**Day of the Funeral Mass of Pope Francis**

**Saturday 26th April 2025**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers,

 we are one in prayer with the Universal Church

 and with all people of goodwill,

 as the Funeral Mass for Pope Francis is offered

 at the Vatican today.

1. May Pope Francis, with his life’s work faithfully completed,

enter fully into the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the whole Church, mourning the death of Pope Francis,

be comforted with the gift of hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the cardinals, soon to elect a successor to Pope Francis,

be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and, in the Conclave,

each follow his own conscience with serenity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the poor, prisoners, and the oppressed, who were always close to the tender heart of Pope Francis, experience a unique comfort from the Risen Jesus which will sustain their hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May all caught up in war and violence, who were a special concern to Pope Francis, receive the gift of enduring peace, for which he constantly pleaded.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May people of different faiths, to whom Pope Francis reached out to as sisters and brothers, respond to his example of mutual respect, work together in harmony for the sake of the poor, and seek the One True God with humility.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously here us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

 receive Pope Francis into your tender care,

 comfort the Church,

 and bring the grace of hope to all in need.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**27th April 2025**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers,

 in the faith of Thomas the Apostle

 who recognized Jesus as his Lord and God,

 we hold Pope Francis up to God,

 that he may live forever in the Father’s home.

1. May Pope Francis, with his life’s work faithfully completed,

enter fully into the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the whole Church, mourning the death of Pope Francis,

be comforted with the gift of hope, knowing that God will

soon give us a new shepherd.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the cardinals, gathering to elect a successor to Pope Francis,

be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and, in the Conclave,

each follow his own conscience with serenity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May all who were particularly loved by Pope Francis, the poor and prisoners, those trapped in wars and violence and those alienated from the Church, treasure his memory with hope.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the Jubilee of Teenagers, taking place this weekend in Rome,

enable them to find in Pope Francis an example of compassion and faith to inspire them through life.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the Jubilee of People with Disabilities, to be celebrated on Monday, bring them hope as they reflect upon the example of Pope Francis, who carried his sufferings with patience and dignity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously here us.**

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 **6a** May this final week of the Federal Election Campaign

 enable voters to reflect seriously upon the issues so that

they vote with a good and thoughtful conscience.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

 7. May all who have died alone, in fear or in pain be received

 by the risen Christ into the joyful home of the Father.

 We also remember Bishop Francis Murphy, first bishop of Adelaide

 along with ….

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, as we recall the presence of the risen Jesus

 with Thomas and the other apostles,

so may Jesus be with your Church today as we mourn the death of Pope Francis, as we also give thanks for his ministry of tenderness, carried out with wisdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 28th April 2025**

**Monday Second Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Jesus’ word reminds us of the gift of baptism

 through which we are reborn in God’s love.

1. May the Risen Lord receive Pope Francis into that eternal life

for which he always hoped.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the Church following the example of the Jerusalem Christians

who prayed for Peter and John in their need, also pray together for each other as we mourn Pope Francis’ death.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May this Jubilee of people with disabilities bring them hope in the midst of their difficulties, and may their families and carers honour their unique spirit.

Christ, hear us.

1. May all who were reborn in Christ through baptism at Easter

around the world rejoice in the gift of faith.

 Christ, hear us.

1. May all hostages and prisoners across the Holy Land be relased.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Australians think carefully before they vote in next Saturday’s elections and consider the common good of all.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the Monfort Missionary Priests serving in our Archdiocese, who honoured their founder, St Louis Grignion de Monfort, yesterday, follow his example of care for the poor and devotion to Mary.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, you have entrusted all nations to your Son, the Prince of Peace. Move the hatred and violence of human hearts towards thoughts and actions for peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 29th April 2025**

**St Catherine of Siena**

**Tuesday Second Week of Easter**

Celebrant: We who have been reborn in Christ

 through the life-giving waters of baptism,

share this Eucharist of the same Lord.

1. That Pope Francis who showed us how to suffer with patience and dignity find eternal joy in the Father’s Home, along with Mary

and all the Saints.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the Cardinals, preparing to elect a new Pope, seek the prayers of St Catherine of Siena who had a great respect for the papacy at a time of crisis in the 14th century.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Christians of Gaza, for whom Pope Francis had a particular fondness with daily phone calls throughout the war, fell now

the love of the Church for them.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That this second day of the Jubilee of People with Disabilities will help to breakdown barriers between people, and generate mutual respect and generous support for them.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the nation of Italy and the students and staff of St Catherine’s

School at Stirling, along with the Dominican Sisters in South Australia, will find in the wisdom and holiness of St Catherine of Siena, inspiration for their Christian life.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, our King, robed in majesty, fill your Church with your holiness, as we await the return of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 30th April 2025**

**St Pius V, pope**

Celebrant: We are greatly consoled by the words of Jesus

 who assured us that he had come,

 not to condemn the world, but to save it.

1. May Pope Francis who was laid to rest in St Mary Major’s Basilica in Rome, where also today’s Saint, Pope St Pius V rests,

meet the Blessed Virgin Mary in God’s eternal home.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May the poor, who knew the concern and tenderness of Pope Francis,

be given the gift of hope to sustain them in their sorrow at his death.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the Holy Spirit unite the College of Cardinals in their

responsibility to elect a successor of Pope Francis.

Christ, hear us.

1. May God save our world in its continuing time of crisis in Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Sudan, Haiti and Nicaragua.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are fearful of Christ, or are scrupulous in their religious practices, come to know that Jesus does not condemn them,

but embraces them with salvation.

Christ, hear us.

1. May Australians vote carefully, wisely and thoughtfully next Saturday, thinking not just about themselves but the needs of all.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Loving Father, from all our terrors set us free

and give us the joy and peace of knowing that your Son Jesus is with us until the end of time,

for he lives and reigns forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 1st May 2025**

**St Joseph the Worker**

**Thursday 2nd Week of Easter**

Readings proper to this Feast

Celebrant: My friends, as we honour St Joseph the Worker

we celebrate the Jubilee of Workers beginning today

in Rome.

1. That St Joseph, a special helper and friend of Pope Francis,

will welcome him into heaven along with Mary his wife, so that all the hope that filled his heart will be fulfilled in eternal joy.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us**

1. That workers will find in the example of St Joseph great inspiration as they begin their Jubilee in Rome, so that as Pilgrims of Hope they will be witnesses to faith and charity.

Christ, hear us.

1. That all workers, the people of Lobethal, and the Sisters of St Joseph, will be blessed today as they honour St Joseph,

and know him as a faithful friend and protector.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who are burdened with unemployment or under-employment, may be given the opportunity to find security

for themselves and their families.

Christ, hear us.

1. That men and women deprived of work in Palestine and Isarel,

Ukraine and Russia and other places of war will receive the humanitarian aid which will sustain their families.

Christ hear us.

1. That Saturday’s federal election will be carried out with respect and

 courtesy as citizens exercise their democratic right to vote.

 Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, the world and all her people belong to you.

Grace each person with your love and show to them the compassionate face of your Son,

Jesus Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 2nd May 2025**

**St Athanasius**

**2nd Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus who fed the multitude,

 will now feed us on the Bread of the Eucharist.

1. That Pope Francis may find, in the presence of the Holy Trinity,

the fulfilments of all the hopes he carried in his heart during his earthly life.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the Holy Spirit will be close to the Cardinals preparing to elect a new Bishop of Rome and Pope for the Church.

Christ hear us.

1. That this Jubilee of Workers will encourage them to have a concern for those who are unemployed, burdened with poverty or struggling with sickness.

Christ hear us.

1. That Christians around the world who courageously face violent persecution, harassment, ridicule or resentment because of Jesus, will be a true inspiration for those who have become indifferent towards him.

Christ, hear us.

 5 That tomorrow’s federal election will see Australians voting

 responsibly for the good of the nation and world peace.

 Christ, hear us.

1. That St Athanasius, Patriarch of Alexandria and wise teacher

from his early 30s, will inspire our Catholic young adults to devote time to a serious study of theology for the good of the whole Church.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, you are our constant help. May we see your goodness in the heavenly Jerusalem where the Lamb is the true light and source of peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 3rd May 2025**

**Saints Philip and James, apostles**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 we honour the apostles Philip and James.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, that as a bishop he was a successor to the Apostles, he many now enjoy their company in heaven

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of all the Cardinals

to elect a worthy successor of St Peter.

Christ, hear us

1. We pray as the Jubilee for Workers continues, that they will be committed as women and men of justice and be helpful toward the poor.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for the people of Uruguay who honour Saints Philip and James as patrons, that they may advance in holiness with respect for one another.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that those who are negotiating for peace in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan, and in Myanmar ,will not get weary, but with the help of the Holy Spirit receive new energy and purpose.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for today’s federal election, that all goes well, and that Australians value their right and responsibility to vote.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 let your truth and love remain with us all,

 so that we can live our Christian life to the full.

 Through Christ our Lord.