

Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

Spirit of God,
descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name
in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always
to be a channel of grace
in all I say and do
and invite others into relationship with you.

Amen

Thought for the week
18th Sunday of the Year
1st August, 2021

“Oh God, come to my assistance; O Lord make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; Oh Lord do not delay!”

I feel this prayer from today's Entrance Antiphon is very apt for us all in the present difficult and different times. We feel frightened and vulnerable with all the conflicting media reports. These contribute to our feelings of fear and anxiety as to what is happening.

Many of our friends have stopped watching the news or reading newspapers. This ultimately leaves them losing hope and trust in all aspects of our daily life and in the life of the community around us.

We need God to come to our aid as only He can. We must pray but equally we must have hope. Hope is the forerunner of faith.

Padre Pio said :”Pray, hope and don't worry.”

In my dark moments this is a mantra which I use to boost my confidence in prayer and God.

We need to ask God for help to restore our hope in mankind as a whole, despite many setbacks. We must trust in Him that it will pass. He has given us the resources to make this world safer and better for all, but He needs our help, just as we need His.

To have hope is to want an outcome that makes our life better in some way. It can make a tough situation more bearable, but also improve our lives, because seeing a better future motivates us to take the steps to make it happen.

Dear Lord give us hope that you will help us in our distress.

A parishioner



Prayers Please

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Jack Edwards

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has a tumour on her right eye.

Please pray for Rita Lonsdale.

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid and has entered a rehabilitation centre where he is being helped to learn to walk and feed himself again.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 8 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for children under stress.

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Rachel De Souza, Margaret Green, Martin Lousley, Frank Ryan, Joyce Price, Andreas Van Well, Bobby Deighton, Nicola Juniper, Bernard Morgan, Sean Smyth, Allan Tillotson, Marie Wardle, Ted Dockrell, Mary Fogarty.