

Prayers for peace

Dear Lord,

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world
Your everlasting peace.

Amen.

Dear Lord, look with kindness on our broken world
in which there is so much conflict.

May God, our Merciful Father,
give wisdom to those who are trying to sustain, protect and
build peace through negotiation and diplomacy,

Amen.

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Thought for the week Palm Sunday 10th April 2022

Today we celebrate the triumphant arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, with waving, cheering crowds welcoming him and waving olive branches - a symbol of peace. Soon the same crowds were baying for his blood. How fickle human nature can be when circumstances change and evil takes over.

We desperately need peace in our world at the present time and are all fervently praying for it. Only God can change men's hearts and perform a miracle.

What can we do? As we celebrate this Sunday let us vow to be part of the welcoming crowd and accompany Jesus on the walk into Jerusalem. However, we must also strive to remain on the walk with Him who is our salvation and not veer off and go astray. As we approach Easter and Jesus's triumphal defeat of evil and death let us stay by His side and offer our prayers for the release of Ukraine and other places where war still exists. Our Blessed Mother can be at our side. But let us not forget that the Russian people are also God's sons and daughters, despite being led by a dictator and pray for them and their leaders too.

As we wave our blessed palms remember that they are symbolic of peace and also of our commitment to follow Jesus to our home in Heaven no matter how tough the journey.

God bless us all in our endeavours for Christ.

"St Michael, Archangel watch over this parish community and support us as we fulfil our mission."

Theresa Muston



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people
who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please prayer for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia and needs our prayers.

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Please pray for Colin, Stephen and Judy Fox's nephew who had to have a stem cell transfusion, the treatment started on Feb 22nd

Please pray for victims of all wars remembering those in Ukraine

Please pray for Savanna Clark (age 2 with heart trouble)

Please pray for Shirley Trollop

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) that she may be able to have an operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is very poorly

Please pray for Beth Selwood

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

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.

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 9 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

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



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

Joyce Ashby, Mary Lousley, Catherine Nevin,
John Rixon, Ron Ryan, Geza Toth,
Fr. Xavier O.F.M., Fr Robert O'Neill,
Jenny Pereira, Jack Leach, Mary Ann Oattes,
Camilio Santana Rodrigues.