

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.

Thought for the week

5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

15th May 2022

Today's gospel speaks to a church defined by the love of the faithful towards one another, a love so evident that outsiders would recognise it as the mark of a community formed in Christ's image.

Last year Pope Francis began the process for the Synod and the Catholic Church of England and Wales began their preparations for that Synod by launching a process starting at the level of the Local Church. This process is intended to ensure that "each individual faithful can participate in the diocesan consultation" and our parish has played its part in the process of "walking together".

It strikes me that this process may not hear very much feedback from people who are not already engaged members of the church and it does not appear to gather any feedback from people currently outside the church community.

If we were to seek feedback from those who we would wish to bring into the Church, perhaps we would hear that when they look at the Church community, they do not see a place where they feel confident that they would be loved as Christ loved us.

Perhaps, in this 75th anniversary year of the St. Michaels parish community, we can find opportunities to love one another better and in so doing encourage "all the world" to recognise that the same gift of love is offered to each of them.



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

Please prayer for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

Please pray for Barbara Van Bree who has cancer

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 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

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

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;

Kenneth Alfred Dean, Fr. Robert O'Neill O.F.M.

Fr Xavier O.F.M., Kenneth Pereira, Mary Fry

Francis O'Neill, Lissu Savvin, Julia Pearce,