

## *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 Easter Sunday 17th April 2022**

On Easter Sunday morning we listen to St John's account of the first Easter Sunday. It is believed that it is John himself who is the 'Beloved Disciple' who runs to the tomb with Peter. Hence we are hearing John's personal testimony of what happened.

Mary of Magdala arrives at the tomb while it is still dark and finds the stone has been moved but doesn't enter. She tells Peter and the 'beloved disciple' who run to the tomb. John arrives first, looks inside, but doesn't enter. Peter arrives and enters the tomb followed by John. When John entered, he saw and he believed. What did he see that prompted his belief? It wasn't the risen Jesus but the linen cloths that had bound his dead body, and by itself, neatly folded, the cloth that had covered Jesus' face. At that moment it all made sense. The burial cloths and the tomb could not hold Jesus because he had overcome death and risen as foretold by the scriptures. God's plan for our salvation had come to fruition. As Jesus shared our humanity, we are now able to share in his divinity. The way to the Father and eternal life is open to us.

As we look around and see the problems besetting the world today and perhaps some of the mess in our own lives our faith might be tested as we ask, "Is this what Jesus died for?" The apostles never gave up witnessing to their belief that Jesus died and rose again despite the trials and suffering they encountered. Today is the day when we enter the tomb with John, to look again and remember the times we have experienced the risen Jesus present in our lives through the blessings we and other have received. On this most special of days let us see and believe and together proclaim with joy:

**CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**



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

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 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

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;**

Richard Bertram George, Mary Ann Oattes, Camilio Santana Rodrigues, Brendan McCarthy, Raymond Taylor, Maurice Bowell, George Hajdu Colonel Patrick Francis, Gavin Barry, Harry Gardner, St George.