

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
6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)
22nd May 2022

This week's readings all have specific instructions or conditions we should obey- something we all probably find hard to do, sometimes.

The first reading may be particularly relatable in that 'human rules and regulations' seem to take centre stage alongside the inevitable disagreement that tends to follow when rules are proclaimed. Envoys are then sent, not to respond to the issue that led to disagreement, but to confirm a whole set of other rules.

Where does this leave those who proclaimed the circumcision rule? (That those who wished to become Christians had to become Jews first). Those who disagreed with it? Or indeed those who may have been willing to obey this?

I guess that is where we all find ourselves sometimes. Not always clear. Rules are issued without seemingly being thought through, or clarified. Some people then obey them, others out rightly reject them, leading to never ending debate and confusion.

We are reminded as we approach Pentecost of the gift that the Holy Spirit brings. The gift of peace in all the worldly chaos and turmoil we may be going through.

This too though, comes with the caveat to love Jesus, to keep His word, as only then will the Father and Son make their home with us, bringing with them Peace and the Holy Spirit, with all its gifts, to abide in us forever.

A Parishioner



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;

Beryl Lester, Mary Smith, Margaret Andrews, Jack Graham, Brian O' Dowd, Dan Mulrooney, Nancy Keogh, Joan Selway, Rita Worklex,

Laddie Perl.