

## *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 26th June 2022 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Love: that's no mystery*

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the Feast of the Blessed Trinity, a concept which is not easy for most of us, mere humans, to grasp fully. Many great thinkers and theologians have tried to find ways to get across to us the idea of 'One God, Three Distinct Persons' but, to be honest, you need a powerful brain to be able to understand the explanations! Even our Deacon Brian, in his homily, said, 'I'll leave it there'! It will remain, at least as far as this brain of mine is concerned, a Mystery until the final revelation. Meanwhile, 'through the glass darkly'...

When I do try to unpick the mystery, I go back to St John's statement that God is Love (1 Jn 4:16). It helps me a little to think of God the Father as the Creator of Love, God the Son as the Teacher, the Leader, and perfect Example of Love (through His sacrifice) and God the Holy Spirit as the Impetus, the Inspiration to Love and to act in love.

Our readings this week speak of following Our Lord, giving up anything in our lives which lead us away from Him. It's to do with recognising that Christ is the only Way and that trusting Him completely will lead to 'happiness for ever' in love perfected.

Sin enslaves us and happiness comes from freedom, but St Paul warns us against misusing our freedom. Left to our own devices, we are sure to get it wrong! We return to the fact that God is Love. Our example must be Christ whose perfect love knew only selflessness. And on those occasions when we veer away from that path, that is the time specially to appeal to the Holy Spirit for His guidance back to the right way. Again and again throughout the Gospels we come back to the theme of love and its single, unambiguous command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



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

We ask for your prayers for Maddy Sharman who died on Monday morning.

Please pray for Eve Osz who is in hospital with pneumonia

Please pray for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

Please pray for Barbara Van Bree who has cancer

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia and needs 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 pray for the teachers and children of our parish



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

Noel Moore, Marcus Fernandes, Rita Lavalette,  
Peter Perie, Joan Griffin, Patrick Joseph Trecy,  
Ray Samuels, Norman Lousley, Audrey Monument,  
Bob Ryan, Pam Ryan, Bella Sellwood,  
Doris Campbell, John Russell.