

## *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**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year C)

8th May 2022

On reading the Gospel passage for this weekend, the word that immediately sprang out to me was listen.

Listening is not always the easiest thing to do. How many times have we been told it isn't just about hearing what someone has said, it's actually listening to it?

In our busy and sometimes frenetic lives, when we are focused on our own wants / needs, we are perhaps not always open to listening to someone else - we are often in a hurry or there are too many distractions. Are there people in our lives we should be giving time to listen to?

Just as I make time to sit with my friends, to talk to them and to listen to them, so does listening to God require me to set aside some time. Yes, in our day to day lives, we may well chat to God - I often ask Him to help me find a parking space, thank Him when one is available and offer up prayers "on the go" for family and friends.

However, actually listening to Him demands a bit more effort. Could we allocate some time to sit with the scriptures to read, re-read and read them again and let the Word of God sink in and allow ourselves to hear His voice? The voice that speaks of peace, that teaches and consoles us.

Listening to His voice brings a closer connection and assurance that we will never be lost and the certain knowledge that Jesus is our protector.



**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, Johnny Warman, Peter Ridge

Margaret Mary (Peggy) Grey, Raymond Dockerty,

Julia and Michael Keogh, William Kenny,

Kenneth Pereira, Patrick Joseph Keogh,

Bill Newman, Eileen Savage, Richard Taylor ,

Leslie Peach, Mary Scullen.