

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 10th July 2022 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?”

As I write this ‘Thought’ I am anticipating our parish Open Day on Saturday. By the time you read it, it may well have come and gone. The Open Day is just one of a number of events to help us celebrate the Catholic presence in Sonning Common and surrounding area for the last 75 years. In a sense we are celebrating all those who have gone before us, who through their faith, commitment and vision have bequeathed to us the parish we have today.

Hopefully, the Open Day has enabled today’s parishioners to learn more about our church and parish activities, but more importantly to develop the friendships and relationships that enable us to support and care for one another as we play our part in fulfilling the mission of the Church in our local area and bequeath a growing parish to future generations.

As important, is our attempt to reach out to our neighbours who are not members of our parish community. Today’s Gospel with the parable of the Good Samaritan leaves us in no doubt who our neighbours are. Having heard the story of the Good Samaritan so many times it can be difficult to appreciate how radical it is. Rather than a Samaritan helping a Jew we might think of a Ukrainian having had their home destroyed and family members killed in the conflict and then being moved by compassion because of the plight of a Russian soldier. That is the concern for neighbour we are called to and it is linked to our love of God, since to inherit eternal life, we are commanded:

“To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.”

Let us pray for an increasing awareness of the needs of our neighbours and the desire to respond to those needs with compassion. It is through our acts of love and compassion that our neighbours will recognise and respond to the love of God.



**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 whose funeral is on 14th July

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

Martin Dougan, Alf Wade, Christopher Wade,
Charley and Mary Ann Smith, John Allison,
Frank Johnson, Jimmy O'Shea, Nan Oattes,
Marjorie Wickens, Marsh Kirby, Claire Ryan,
Catherine Cottrell, Nigel Drever, Ian Reid,
Brian Stratmore Cleary.