

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 11th September, 2022 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

When I was 21, I spent some time in a L'Arche Community in Kerala in India. My nephew was asking me about it this morning. There was no electricity or gas – we cooked using methane from the cows we kept; we went to bed when it got dark and got up when the sun rose. There was no piped water – but we had a well which was deep and full, and we could draw water when we needed to wash or cook. Life was very simple. The building was on a hill above the India Ocean and (apart from the middle of the day) the sea breezes kept us cool.

I am not recommending that we all go back to that way of life and I'm sure if I had been there longer, I would have begun to get frustrated and find it difficult and restrictive to live in that way. But as we enter the second week of The Season of Creation (finishing on the Feast of St Francis, 4th October), and I reflect on the prodigal son and how many things we put between ourselves and God, I remember how much easier it was in those few weeks at Nandi Bazaar, to feel the presence of God and to feel close to the Earth. With our complicated lives, we are pulled this way and that: our needs and wants are complicated, perhaps more complicated than they have to be.

The prodigal son had put so many things between him and his father – first of all, his own ambitions and his need to get away and live out his own desires, and then his shame and remorse at what he had done, but the solution was simple and his father was waiting for him with open arms when he turned back to him, in fact he was looking out for him.

As I reflect on our relationship with God's creation, I am reassured by the story of the simple strong embrace of the father for his child. I believe God's embrace will pull us closer to him. I sometimes feel Creation is calling out to us to remember that embrace. Let's use this Season of Creation to listen to the whisper of that call.



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

Please pray for Eve Osz who is in hospital

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) she has now had her 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 the parish



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

Victims of the Twin Towers NY, Alf Wade ,
Christopher Wade, Joyce Rebeiro, Joan Bredon,
Donald Andrews, Johnny Gaudencio, Freda Miller,
Esther Roman Zambrano, Seraphrno Antao,
Helenor Kizer, Minnie Tillotson, Winnie Hickey,
John Warman.