

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
2nd Sunday in Lent
13th March 2022

Our Lenten journey is underway. In some ways it mirrors the journey of Jesus and his disciples from the Wedding Feast at Cana to Jerusalem. Especially in the early days, there were crowds of followers, thousands in some cases, listening to the teachings of a renowned rabbi. On occasions the crowds became oppressive and Jesus needed to get away, to be by himself or with his closest followers.

Lent is also a time of distraction – many things clamour for our attention and we need to make time for prayer and reflection.

As Jesus' ministry was approaching its end and the final visit to Jerusalem was near, the plots against him mounted and there were attempts to trick him into saying or doing things which would give his enemies a pretext for moving against him.

Just when the disciples were beginning to realise that their journey was not going to end in glory and honour, but rather in the death of their friend and teacher, they were granted a vision of God's glory. It was a window into another world that would help them in the dark days ahead. The moment was brief, but the memory would remain with Jesus, Peter, James and John in the future.

On our journey through both Lent and life, we encounter difficulties and setbacks, but we can also take strength from the knowledge that Jesus is with us on our journey and supports us in our determination to make a difference in the world.

A parishioner



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

Please pray for Colin, Stephen and Judy Fox's nephew who had to have a stem cell transfusion the treatment started on Feb 22nd

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

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

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 children and teachers of the Parish

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



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

Lucy Shunwell, Dorothy Flannex (nee Nevin),
Mary Weir, Sister Mary Joseph (Murray),
Molly Marnie Connors, Donna Armstrong,
Doreen Felicidale Petricia D'Souza, Henry Kerr,
Tess Lynch, Molly Luby, John Vera, Alan Dant.