

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 13th November, 2022 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time

In today's Gospel Jesus uses two contrasting images: the first is that of a series of frightening events including war, famine and persecution. In the light of the current COP27 conference we might add climate change. The second image is the promise Jesus gives that *'Not a hair on your head will perish'*. Another theme in this week's readings is that of endings and beginnings. As human beings we tend to be pessimistic for we are hard wired to spot danger in order to maintain our safety. Luckily there are plenty of optimists around as well who bring spontaneity, creativity and humour. Creativity leads to new discoveries and new ways of understanding who we are. The message of Jesus is one of hope.

As the crowd gathered in the temple Jesus reminded them that all the beauty of the temple would one day be gone – *'Not a single stone will be left standing'*. He was talking of the end times which the Jews worried about, but they also had a hope, that the Messiah would come to save them. Jesus knew that as a people they would persevere because they put their faith in God and continued to hope. When the Roman armies destroyed the temple and forced the Jews off their land they began to realise that this wasn't the end, but rather a new beginning. They rebuilt their belief in Yahweh and regained their hope for the future. At the same time, Christians also spread out across the world and regrouped themselves. They began to realise that Jesus was speaking of a new beginning that would not just be in Jerusalem, but would reach out across the world with the promise of faith, of hope and of love, each promised and given by God.

So today we should cease to worry about the present times and remember instead the words of Jesus, that God will triumph. Things change and the old world dies, but a new world is born and with it the joy and hope that sustains us. One day all people will be reunited for all eternity. but until that time comes let's remember,

'The favours of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness'.

We can all be optimistic through our trust and hope in the Lord.

A parishioner



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family of Michael McNamara (Maria's brother) who died on Wednesday.

Please prayer for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who needs a bone marrow transplant - he has Aplastic Anaemia. Please pray a donor match is found.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Please pray for Beth Selwood

Please pray for victims of all wars

Please pray for Savanna Clark (age 2 with heart trouble)

Please prayer for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

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 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 10 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;

Sylvia Warder, Eunice Dover, Tess Lynch,
Maureen Norris, Nickey Harris, Henry New,
Nellie Barke, Frank Lawless, W.G. Williams.