

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

14th August 2022

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

The Gospel reading for the Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary that we celebrate at this weekend's Masses is the Magnificat. A well-known and often heard passage no doubt.

What message does this hold for us today though?

A couple of weeks ago, listening to Father's sermon on the Lord's Prayer and whether or not our prayers are answered, made me realise just how spirit-filled Mary must have been to respond to Elizabeth with such a deep and insightful prayer that continues to be said or sung today, and for as long as the Catholic Church exists.

Like Mary, each of us are called specially to carry out God's work on earth. Not all of us will be assumed body and soul into heaven as we believe Mary was, - our resurrection will come later, - but we all, at various times praise the Lord with gratitude for blessings we receive (prayers answered) and will continue to receive while on earth, 'according to the promise He made to our ancestors'.

I think Mary's life was this: filled with prayer, very much tuned into what life God intended for her - and every day she said 'yes' - no wonder she could foresee that generations would call her holy...

For us in this day and age, we invest time and effort to meet our own ever-increasing goals and aspirations - as we should because that is the way of the modern world. But do we do this for our own aggrandisement, or do we apply ourselves to the work we must do, and so improve the lives of those around us, while improving our own?

I think this is key in emulating Mary's 'yes' in our everyday lives - to remain tuned into our Lord, grounded in Him no matter how great the world may think we are; and to share the blessings we receive with those around us.



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 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 pray for the teachers and children of the parish



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

Louis and Dora Paola, Lilly Dougan,
Kathleen McGuire, Jeddy, Annie May, Dennis Page,
Arthur Burge, Dennis Page, Doris Rene,
Eva Abraham, Keith Milton Davey,
Ronald Jabez Herbert.