

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

17th July 2022

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Serving and Listening

There can't be a family in the land where echoes of the Gospel story of Martha and Mary aren't lived out on a day-to-day basis. There are always jobs to be done and always occasions when we as individuals want and need to "take time out".

Surely there are times for both?

In the first reading Abraham and Sarah are rewarded by rushing round to serve and welcome their uninvited guests; whereas in the Gospel, Jesus appears to be telling Martha that Mary's attentive listening is the "better part".

So what should this mean for you and me as we live out our lives of discipleship in this part of the world and amongst the people we meet and know?

I think that the answer lies in the well-known verse from Ecclesiastes (3:1)

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

We are all called to serve as well as to live out our vocation and our discipleship in the here and now. That means that we do need to find time to be with the Lord, so that he can strengthen, refresh and guide us. This recharging gives us the power we need to live out the life Christ has called us to, so that we can put our faith and calling into action: being charitable, serving others, spreading the Word...

There are times when it is OK to leave the washing up for later – just don't always leave it for someone else to do!



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 prayer for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

Please pray for Barbara Van Bree who has cancer

Please prayer 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;

Christine Coyle, Sue Conners, Kieran Cotter, Marlene Fernandes, Joan Law, Jimmy Curran, Anne Ouro, Peter Spencer, Rosena Faultner, Elizabeth Tonner, Petra Zambano de Roman.