

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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Never will I forget your deeds...

Whenever anyone in the public eye dies, tributes will pour in. Even in the case of family members and friends, we will recall their good traits and focus on happy memories. “*Never speak ill of the dead*” is a noble tradition. In the case of our Queen, it is hard to imagine that anyone, search as they might, could find any ‘ill’ to speak of ‘Elizabeth the Great’, as she is already being dubbed by many.

There is no need to repeat here anything of the deluge of wonderful tributes paid to Her late Majesty, as the words ‘duty’, ‘integrity’, ‘graciousness’ and ‘service’ crop up again and again. Indisputably, her whole life was given to the service of her people. In this secular age, it is to be hoped that people will also remember that her Faith, as she herself said on many occasions, underpinned, prompted, and guided her work and every aspect of her life. As we draw near to what will surely be a deeply moving funeral service, we pray that the millions who will watch the ceremony and hear the profound prayers and the beauty of the sacred music will be moved closer to the God who loved our Queen - and who loves us equally. As Elizabeth II faces Divine Judgement, we pray that our merciful Father will not forget her deeds and will admit her rapidly into His presence.

Our second reading, in timely fashion, reminds us that ‘our prayers should be offered for everyone [...] and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives...’. As it might be said in common parlance, that is a ‘big ask’. But remember that Christ said, ‘*with God, all things are possible*’ (Lk 1:37). Queen Elizabeth II’s final gift to her people could be the greatest – an upsurge in the Christian Faith which sustained her and which her son, King Charles III has promised will continue to be his guide. God save the King!



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

Please pray for Christopher Hicks and Maria Santano Barratto, relations of Emmy Antao who have died recently.

Please pray for Eve Osz who is in hospital

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) 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;

Florence Ada Gibbons, Arnold Fox, Frank Pearce, Wendy Pearce, Lesley Archard, Audrey Belletty, Harry Kerr, Freda Miller, Thomas Mullaniff, Francis George Pearce, Gwenda New.