

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
3rd Sunday of Easter (Year C)
1st May 2022

I was delighted to be able to attend a wedding last weekend of the daughter of a good friend. Over 150 members of family and friends attended the Nuptial Mass in the beautiful St Benedict's Church, Ealing Abbey.

For the first time in over 2 years we all felt free to shake hands, hug and greet the newlyweds, friends and family. And as we drank and dined together at the reception, laughing and applauding at the speeches, it almost seemed that the last 2 years of pandemic restrictions had never happened. The volume of the high-spirited chatter and laughter and the packed dancefloor I think reflected the sheer joy felt by all of regaining freedom to coming together in larger numbers and celebrate such a joyous, spiritual occasion.

I felt this renewed sense of joy of gathering together in larger numbers too at our Easter masses and the celebrations and activities leading up to them - such as our successful Walk Against Hunger and the ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday. As we shared hot cross buns and tea in the hall afterwards, one fellow-walker from another Church said it was the first time he had been out at a Church event in over 2 years.

Let us give thanks and celebrate our liberty to gather, greet and mix freely among friends and strangers. Lord, prevent us from taking this for granted as we approach the summer season of holiday travel. Inspire us to find new ways to help those robbed by war, famine or disaster not just of social freedoms, but of the basic human need for shelter, food, water and healthcare.

*For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.*

A parishioner



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

Thank you for all your prayers for Colin, Stephen and Judy Fox's nephew who is now out of hospital following his treatment.

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.

Maddy Sharman has asked for 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 also remember in your prayers those whose
anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Marjorie Burge, Peter McCann, Mic Micotti
Eileen and Jo McDermott, Edmund Bernard Pike,
Gunter Plum, Tom Reilly, James Allison,
Robert Brown, Gunter Plum, Philip Hoban,
George Pascoe, Jean Howarth, Jack Edwards,
Anthony Michael Stitt, Christopher John Stitt,
Romano Martin Rodrigues, Bernard Coffey
Margaret Bonner Mowbray, Vincent Gavin,
Mr Benedict Chin Siew Onn, Maggie Monter.