

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 20th November, 2022 The Solemnity of Christ the King

This is the last Sunday of the year – next week we will be moving into Advent and the busy time before Christmas and perhaps an appropriate time to think on the year past.

This Feast of Christ the King was instituted nearly one hundred years ago in the aftermath of the Great War. A reminder that acknowledging Christ as Alpha and Omega might encourage humankind to find peace, justice, freedom, and happiness. This year we are acutely aware that wars still blight the lives of many people around the world. Helping to establish Christ's kingdom does not require us to take up arms, but rather to support those who are suffering as far as we are able and to pray for strength, both for ourselves and the Church .

King David was a shepherd and a commander of the people of Israel, leading armies into battle. The kingship of Christ is different because His kingdom is not of this world. As disciples of Christ, we try to live our lives according to His teaching as part of his body – the Church. When we fail, we can take heart from the repentant thief, who accepted that his punishment was merited, but hoped that Jesus would remember him when he came into his kingdom. Jesus' response can give us all hope!

“Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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 Bernard Lowe who has died.

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 eye 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 recovering from an operation.

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;**

Theresa Hamilton, James Martin, Doug Farquhar,
Elizabeth Murphy, Raymond Graham, Joy Lowther,
Edward Cotterell, Martino De Souza.