

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 **27th November, 2022** **1st Sunday of Advent**

Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

With the start of the Advent Season, we have a sense of expectation about the future. The sense of expectation is a continuation of the last weeks of Ordinary Time. Matthew's Gospel was written, scholars believe, after the fall of Jerusalem and was addressed to Jewish converts who had to answer questions about their belief in the second coming and when it was going to happen. Because they have lived through almost unprecedented turmoil, many will have been persuaded that the Second Coming was imminent.

Today's world has something of the turbulence of that of Matthews's community: war in Europe, the prospect of nuclear wars and climate change. We should be equally concerned. Each Sunday when reciting the Creed, we proclaim: "*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.*"

How do we prepare? The answer can be found in the psalm for the Sunday: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's House." Prayer alone will not be enough. To prayer can be added the Collect:

"Grant your faithful, we pray almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming."

The beginning of Advent, then, is a time to renew this expectation that Jesus is going to return in glory as Lord and King.

Stephen and Judy



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 whose funeral is on Friday.

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;

Edith Jenkins, Sue Walker, Joe Walker,
Nessa Weldon, Frank Adams, Ron Clark,
George Coulehan, Jack Hickey,
Rob and Margaret Lackie, Roger and Gwen Whyte,
David Ivimey Miller, Oscar Wilde, Dennis Graham,
Raymond Graham, Mary Raybould,
Madge Barnard Smith.