

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 28th August, 2022 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Luke 14:1, 7-14

After last Sunday's Gospel: "*there are those now last who shall be first, and those now first who will be last*", this Sunday we have: "*for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted*".

We are told not to take the seat in the place of honour at a wedding feast. In our over organised society, most weddings or formal banquets we attend have seating plans devised no doubt made with some thought and concern. No one is likely to place themselves on the top table unless clearly shown on the table plan.

The main message is clearly "humility" and in a modern world that almost worships "celebrities", this is a demanding key Christian virtue. Somehow our human condition makes us self-conscious, of a nagging need to outrank/out brag each other. We are all prone to this fault.

Pope Francis has set an example of avoiding the pomp and circumstance of his office. He lives simply and travels in a small car. Jesus, even more so, sets us an example for: "*he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross*". (Phil 2:8).

So, let us take a moment to pause over today's prayer after Communion:

"Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you Lord, that being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour"



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

Please pray for Delia Hoban who is in Abbeycrest.

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.

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;

Pam Marsland, Anthony Patrick, Sandra Antao, Rachelle De Souza, Patrick Carroll, Jean Dwyer, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Gwyn Stanton, Diana, Princess of Wales, Yvonne Aubrier, Anthony Fajer, Florence Ada Gibbons, Roger Selwood, Mina Findlay, Helen Newman, Nikki Wells.