

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 3rd July 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we celebrated the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Two huge characters in the journey our church made as they began its ministry to the world, emboldened by the essence of Christ its friend, who assured them that He would ALWAYS be with this new church, until the end of time.

At this moment, in this very troubled and sometimes scary world we are living in, I find it very easy to lose heart in Our Blessed Lord's words to Peter and Paul. Many things are getting worse and many people are dying, so things look bleak; we can begin to doubt that our prayers are being answered. However Peter and Paul did not falter in their faith, even in their dangers. Therefore we need to become like them and try to be positive. We know that our prayers are always listened to, and they are answered in God's way NOT OURS.

Let us pray constantly that we can let go our own fears and doubts and let God work in our hearts and lives. Pray that we can show a Christian face to the world and allow God to work through us.

We need to be like St Peter and St Paul. Try not to get dissuaded from the path to heaven we are walking. Do not deviate from our belief that we are on a journey and our destiny is to be with God forever. Try not to feel sorry for ourselves but reach out to others, so that by small example we can influence others to turn to prayer and TRUST in God.

James Hudson Taylor, a Protestant founder of the China Inland mission said:

"When I cannot read my Bible, when I cannot write, when I cannot even Pray I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child – and TRUST."

Let us take heart and ask Peter and Paul to help us Trust as they did.



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

We ask for your prayers for Maddy Sharman whose funeral is on 14th July

Please pray for Eve Osz who is in hospital with pneumonia

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) 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;**

Marie van Bree-Anschutz, Patrick Cottrell,
Bernard Fornara, Richard Frankton, Bob Gaffney,
Lou Levy, Mark San, Jean Coleman, Francis Joanes,
Margaret Mather, Audrey Monument, W. Smyth,
Maggie Carroll, Chris Tynan, Michael Werkalec,
Victims of the London Terrorist, Bombings 2005,
Bernard Brown, Helen Coyle, Jerry Ferris,
Jack Coyle, Andrzej H. Jakubiszyn, Michael and
Julia Keogh, Fritz Mork.