

## *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**

Pentecost

5th June 2022

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you:

But when the leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by.

Christina Rossetti 1830-1897

Wind cannot be seen, but its power can be felt and heard — just like the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:2 says, “*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*”

It is the wind of the Holy Spirit that can blow strongly within us and cause us to come alive with the life of God. People do things. Work gets done. What we see is not the Spirit itself, but the Spirit's fruit.

Wind is unpredictable in strength and direction as anyone who has been sailing will know. If the winds drops and there is not enough to move the boat, we can set the sails so as to make the most use of the slightest breeze.

In the same way we can make ourselves open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit so that, when the power of the Spirit moves us to action, we are ready. How can we show that the Holy Spirit is alive and well in Sonning Common? Ours are the hands that do the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. During the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, unwelcome events in themselves, the kindnesses that have abounded locally, nationally and internationally show how some people are inspired to respond in great or small ways. We are thankful for this generosity with the Spirit's gifts, which are boundless.

A Parishioner



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

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.

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;**

Arthur Burns, Ruth Coyne, Margaret Hamilton Jones, Olive Ryan, Lucy Shurvell, Sharon Ruddle, Sheila Smith, Eric Brent, James Curran, Eric Brent, Seamus Keane, Adam Hilliard, Oliver Keogh, Vera Marlein, Maureen Burke, Hugh Gilmartin, Sebastian Franciso, Fr Tony Milledge, Stanley Francis Robinson, Al Terry, Bobby Alston, Arthur Burns, Eric Wright, Seta Goode, Mrs A King, Bridget Mc Donnell, Stanley Smith, Ena Wilson