

## 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**  
**6th November, 2022**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary time**

The first reading makes rather graphic reading.

It does make me wonder why the tormentors were hell bent on killing all seven brothers following what must have been a protracted period of torture of each one, witnessed by all siblings in turn, who must have known (and accepted) that they too would come to a similar death, unless they went against their beliefs.

The gospel also has seven brothers also dying in turn. We are not told how. But in this case, it is a woman, widowed 7 times over and eventually dying childless. She and the other siblings must have endured what may have been a period of illness and seeing yet another sibling and husband die.

The world today seems to be full of news of death, everywhere. Some of it seemingly avoidable but, like the tormentors of the 7 brothers, we may never understand the reason why death seems to be continuously unleashed on so many, by a few who appear to hold power over such decisions.

I admit to not fully understanding Jesus' response when asked whose wife the woman would be once she met all her husbands in heaven.

Could the message be that this would not apply or matter in heaven?

What do we the living on earth do though, while we suffer illness and endure an inevitable death?

I am reminded of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parish weekend talks on St Therese of Lisieux- she prayed and hung on to the cross throughout her illness, giving thanks to God with every breath she had in her.

May we learn to emulate her example.

A parishioner



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

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 Michael McNamara (Maria's brother) who is in hospital in Ireland with a perforated bowel.

Please pray for Beth Selwood

Please pray for victims of all wars

Please pray for Savanna Clark (age 2 with heart 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 very poorly

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;**

Ester and Charlie, Alfreda Hubbard, Mary Hunt, William Bill Walton, Nora Smyth, James and Lena Dnova, Winifred Ferns, Peter, Brian and James Bird, Bill Buffery, Geza Tolth.