

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

7th August 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'By faith....'

This phrase is repeated often throughout the second reading - giving examples of how our forefathers and others who are mentioned in the readings lived their lives - *by faith*.

Of particular note is the suggestion that living by faith will not necessarily lead to receiving what may have been promised. We are urged instead to be like our forefathers who foresaw what lay ahead, and welcomed it.

This cannot be easy today. Our lives are probably made up of endless to do lists - each item to be ticked off sooner rather than later. Some of us are fortunate enough to live in the first world, a world of immediacy and plenty - instant purchases of anything we want at one click of a button: 'next or same day delivery' - we plan for things, and get them within our own timeframes - more often than not. We want it all, and we want it now.

These conveniences are fine in themselves. One of the lessons I draw from this, which continues the theme of last week's readings, is the need to keep an element of detachment as we go about our day to day lives, acknowledging that we are on a journey to even better things.

It takes faith to hand over the control of our lives and our future to another. It takes faith to discern how we must live our lives today, in order to receive the promises in store for us...

By faith, we live.



**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 June Payne who died last week

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;**

Ted Dockrell, Mary Fogarty, Margaret Green,
Sylvia Buffery, Josefa Cano, Agnes Agatha George,
Catherine Elizabeth Smith (Betty), Elizabeth Regan,
Tommy Keogh, Ralph Mascarenhas, Jack Faherty
John Joseph Walsh, Michelle Wells Jacobson,
Anthony Christopher Boulton, Sean Kennedy.