

All are warmly invited to join this faith community in prayers for healing of this world each week. Our pattern of prayer leads us to pause; to rejoice; to give thanks; to request God's intervention in particular areas of concern; to conclude with acknowledgement of God's promises love and blessing. Through 'Open prayer' we are invited into shared or personal contemplation of those things that speak to our hearts of need of prayer



THURSDAY PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD 12 June 2025

PAUSE

**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may be holy,
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work may be holy,
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
To love what is holy.**

Saint Augustine

REJOICE

**I love you Lord;
you are my strength.
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my saviour;
my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.
He is my shield, the power that saves me,
and my place of safety.
I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise,
and he saved me from my enemies.**

Psalm 18: 1-3

GIVE THANKS

- For Pentecost services held around the world and for our own joyful celebration. The Counsellor, the Comforter is with us!
- For another prisoner exchange between Ukraine and Russia taking place this week, with sick or wounded Ukrainian men, some having not been heard of for two years.

OPEN PRAYER

**What does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**
Micah 6: 8.

Lord we pray for the Australian people:

- Peaceful, respectful race relations among various ethnic groups, and that while deep scars of past hurts need to be healed in the hearts of many, respect and love for their fellow Australians will encourage peaceful and constructive dialogue.
- Successful ways of combating the appalling rates of domestic violence that so badly affect the lives of the vulnerable. Lord, show those who would inflict violence the way of love and respect.
- For continuing support for those suffering from the effects of natural disasters, the recent floods, cyclones and bushfires.

OPEN PRAYER

For our loving creator does not turn away from the afflicted, And does not hide from them: But their cries are heard, and their prayers rise up to heaven. *Psalms for*

Praying: Nan Merrill

We pray for countries in conflict:

1. We come before You this week with heavy hearts, lifting up the situation in Gaza. We pray for an immediate cessation of the airstrikes on Gaza by the Israeli military, asking for the violence to cease and for all hostilities to end.
2. We plead for humanitarian aid to be significantly increased, and for aid agencies to be fully enabled to get this life-saving aid to those in desperate need. May all those involved in supplying aid work together in unity and pure intention, acting always in the best interests of the refugees and the suffering population.
3. Our hearts ache for the families who have lost loved ones in this conflict. We ask for Your comfort and solace to be upon them in their immeasurable grief. Surround them with Your love and provide them with strength to endure.
4. May Your peace, which transcends all understanding, ultimately prevail in Gaza.
5. For the growing flood of people in Africa displaced from their homes by warfare, with 21 million Sudanese people displaced. The UN facing its most challenging humanitarian project this century and there is a Cholera epidemic affecting people.
6. We lift up the people of Ukraine, who have endured three long years of war, asking for your comfort, strength, and resilience to sustain them.
7. We pray for all those who have lost loved ones in this conflict, both civilians and military personnel. Bring your profound peace to their grieving hearts and grant them solace amidst their pain.
8. We remember those who have been displaced by the conflict, who have lost their homes and their sense of security. Guide them to safety, provide for their needs, and surround them with communities of care
9. We pray for the leaders who are diligently working to bring the two sides together in peace talks. Grant them wisdom, courage, and perseverance to navigate these complex challenges and lead us all towards a future free from conflict.

OPEN PRAYER

The nations may be at war, countries left in ruins; Yet is the voice of the Almighty heard, slowly breaking through the hearts of stone. The Beloved is ever with us, the infinite Heart of Love.

Psalm 46 Psalms for Praying: Nan Merrill

Take heart, I have overcome the world. *John 16:33*

YIELD

**Oh Lord, deepen my wounds into wisdom;
Shape my weaknesses into compassion;
Gentle my envy into enjoyment;
My fear into trust,
My guilt into honesty.**

O God, gather me to be with you as you are with me

Ted Loder

The Lord himself goes before me, He will be with me, He will never leave me nor forsake me, I will not be afraid or discouraged. *Personalised from Deuteronomy 31:8*

BLESSING

**God hold you, enfold you,
And keep you wrapped around His heart.**

Amen