

Prayers for the World: 24 November 2022

Pause

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Psalm 46 v 10

Rejoice

But I will sing of your might;

I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

For you have been a fortress for me,

And a refuge on the day of my distress.

O my strength, I will sing praises to you,

For you, O God, are my fortress,

The God who shows me steadfast love.

Psalm 59: vs16,17

We are a moment, You are forever,

Lord of the ages, God before time.

We are a vapor, You are eternal.

Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,

Worthy is the lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honour and glory

Be unto Your name.

and Give Thanks

Lord Jesus Christ we thank you for prayers answered, that we know about, and those we don't know about.

For the re-claiming of Kherson in the Ukraine

For an extension of the passage of grain through the Black Sea from Ukraine

For the negotiated peace in Tigray in Ethiopia

For people rescued, healed, comforted and provisioned

For situations relieved, changed or diverted.

For fighting that has ceased and justice achieved.

For children loved and brought to safety and care.

And above all for your promise of hope.

We thank you Lord.

See I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up, do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness,
And streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43: 19

Ask

We pray for people suffering in situations of war and unrest, and for the meetings of leaders who attended COP and now for the G20 conference.

You Lord make wars cease to the end of the earth, you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire (*Psalms 46:9*). And so we ask you now to save the lives of many people in countries where there is war and fighting. Make peace that is strong and not weak. De-escalate the crises. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (*Matthew 24:6*) but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now, in the name of Jesus we say – ‘***Be still and know God. He is exalted among the nations, he shall be exalted in the earth.***’ (*Psalms 46:10*)

In Ukraine, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Syria:

- May all international discussions be clear-sighted and may there be good-will and good decision making. We pray for stable government in the UK and USA.
- We pray especially for those people in Ukraine who now have no electricity as winter heralds. Lord, we pray for the provision of essential services for them, especially in the city of Kherson.
- We pray for protection of the Nuclear Power Plants
- People in Myanmar who are being suppressed by cruel and evil rulers who care only for greed and power.
- For prisoners of war, that they be treated humanely and kept safe until the war is over. Stop torture wherever it occurs, we pray most fervently.
- We pray for food relief to get through in Tigray, and that fruitful negotiations take place to resolve the issues that have led to fighting there.
- We pray for a stop to the revenge attacks against the Kurds in Turkey and Syria

Open Prayer

Those fleeing war and oppression who have become refugees

Lord we remember before you the many people who have left their families, villages and countries only to find themselves living in camps in difficult conditions. Lord we pray for people in transit who have no way to go home and nowhere to make a new home. We pray for hope, for peace, and for a future.

Russians fleeing conscription

Ukrainians fleeing the war
Afghans fleeing extreme hardship
Uighurs fleeing persecution
Rohingyas fleeing persecution
Iraqis fleeing religious discrimination
People from South American countries fleeing poverty
People from Africa fleeing starvation

People facing hardship through stressful economic situations or natural disasters

Lord we give thanks for helpful rain in so many parts of Australia, underground water reserves being restored, together with dams and water reservoirs. We pray for those who are overwhelmed by too much rain.

- We pray also for those who are suffering from the successive waves of flooding, especially in the Central West of NSW, remembering the small towns in the path of the overflows of the Wyangala dam. We pray for those who have lost homes, and precious crops and who are under extreme stress.
- We pray for people along the Murray river system where conditions have become toxic to the fish population
- There are many who are suffering as a result of the housing crisis, high cost of living and uncertainty in this time of rapid change in all areas of life.
- Wise consideration and reform of the child detention system in Australia.
- For the people of Haiti who are suffering with lawless gangs and bad government

‘The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.’ Deuteronomy 31:8

Open Prayer

We bring before you Lord those internationally who are suffering as a result of natural disasters

Floods in Pakistan

Floods in Bangladesh

Drought in China and parts of Europe.

Extreme drought and famine in Eastern Africa, especially Somalia and Ethiopia. Aid can't get through.

Those suffering from COVID or any kind of sickness

We pray for –

Increased vaccination of the people in China who are seeing rising rates of infection.
May there be wise social policies.

The rise of a new strain of Covid, and for higher vaccination rates in Australia.
People who are facing life-threatening conditions and who do not know your love and invitation to the next life
People who are suffering alone without loved ones to care and comfort them
The elderly who live without friends and loved ones.
Many members of this Parish who are in hospital at this time, suffering pain and uncertainty over their medical conditions. Bring comfort and healing we pray Lord.
People of Uganda suffering an outbreak of Ebola
Children of Somalia and Yemen weakened by famine and outbreaks of measles.

Open Prayer

Yield –

**The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow weary and his understanding no-one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary, and increases the power of the weak.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary;
they will walk and not be faint.**

Isaiah 40: 28 - 31

'Abba Father',

all things are possible

to Thee. Rowan Williams

Blessing

Jesus today I yield to hope, hope that when all is falling apart, You are somehow at work putting things together. Hope that no-one is too far gone to receive a change of heart and perspective. God of all hope fill us with joy and peace as we put our trust in You, that we might overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen