

Lord Jesus, When we find it so easy to remember the faults of others and so difficult to find our own, give us the will to build understanding between people and so dismantle the walls of hostility, in pursuit of your gift to the world of peace.

Amen

And from John's Gospel:

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-21



Circuit Prayer Diary

November 2018

Peace in Our Time

As I write this slightly later in the month than planned two things have recently been spoken about in different church groups: Daniel in the fiery furnace and Guy Fawkes.

Both have very different stories but at the heart of each there is dispute on religious grounds. In Daniel's case different religions, in Guy Fawkes dispute between Catholic and Protestant Christians.

A local issue has raised differences in requirements between different denominations. Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday 100 years after the end of the First World War.

All through History there have been disputes between devout followers of different religions as well as different groups within a single religion. We think of places such as Northern Ireland where bridges have been built but there is still unrest.

In churches last Sunday our lectionary called us to Love God and Love one another as ourselves. Next Sunday there will be prayers for Peace all over our land, and beyond.

In certain parts of the world there are still highly active wars going on where it is not safe to live. In front of this backdrop we pray for Peace in our time.

Prayers from 100 days of Prayer: an initiative led by Archbishop Justin Welby

Loving Father, thank you that you are in the business of restoration - of peace and reconciliation. Thank you that nothing, and no-one, is too far gone that you cannot rescue

and restore and bring peace, hope and even prosperity where there was once none.

Let us remember those who have died for their country in war; those we knew, and all who have given their lives for freedom, justice and the hope of peace.

As we look forward and seek the way of peace and reconciliation, you might like to say this prayer:

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands,

and minds, to work together for peace;

to see you in one another

and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done,

and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Amen.