

I No Longer Pray For Peace by Ann Weems

On the edge of war, one foot already in,
I no longer pray for peace:

I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,

and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:

that we are loved by God
that we can truly love one another.

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Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.

We respectfully acknowledge Noongar People
as the original custodians of this land, and
their ongoing relationship with it.

We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

St David's, Ardross
St George's, Applecross
5 November 2023

**Applecross
Anglican Church**
Diocese of Perth



Reflection for All Saints

Hallowtide is a triduum in the Church calendar consisting of three days of vigil and remembering the dead. All Hallows Even (from which we derive "Hallowe'en") is followed by All Hallows (or All Saints), and finally by All Souls. These holy days are moved to Sunday, where they form a unified act of remembrance and prayer. However we do lose the distinctiveness of each day. All Hallows is an opportunity to commemorate the martyrs and saints of the faith. All Souls is when we pray for those who have died in our families or churches. All Saints is when we as a church set our hearts and minds on the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in the faith, who have modeled for us that the Christian life is possible. All part of the incredible tapestry of faithful practice.

Honouring and remembering our dead is one of the central ways we grieve and process loss. We should not gloss over Hallowtide or downplay the opportunity it provides. There are those elsewhere in the world who do not have a choice in whether they get to practice their rituals of mourning and remembrance. As the war in Palestine escalates between Israel and Hamas, our hearts ache at the stories of both Palestinians and Jews who are unable to properly honour their dead and mourn them.

When I look at the sins Christians are responsible for, there are times I struggle to believe that the Church is always a force for good in the world. A case in point lies at the root of this conflict that continues to rend the Holy Land. Whatever else we say about its multi-faceted causes, the fear that underwrites Israel's recent scorched earth military response lies in centuries, even millennia, of antisemitism.

When we think of the Church's complicity in antisemitism and other sins, we need to be reminded that not all of Church history is like this. God is gracious, and there are people across time and space who reflect God's continued transformative work in making all things new. All Saints is a time when we can repent and pray for the Church with all Christ's faithful servants. Despite even our worst sins, God's redeeming love is big enough to make the Church Christ's body in the world.

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PRAYERS Gracious God, we ask for your blessing and healing for all.

In the Diocese we pray for: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Kate Wilmot, and Bishop Christopher Ruto of our partnered Diocese of Eldoret and Rev'd Josephat Bett and people of St Stephens Aturei parish.

For our Parish: for our Parish Council in their work of Mission.

For those in need at this time: Prayers of comfort, healing, and peace for Lilian, and for Carole and Jerry Galea's new grandchild, Cyrus Timothy, born premature at 27 weeks and for his parents, Grant and Lisa, and all on our hearts. We continue to pray for Daphne's family as they mourn and for Christine and Colin Willis as they mourn the death of her father Gillen Carter.

Marie Leuenberger (1994), Charles Cole (2004), Ian Neil Templeman (2015),
Mary Livesey (2016)

May their portions in paradise be rest in peace.

5 NOVEMBER PENTECOST XXIII	ST DAVID'S AND ST GEORGE'S COMBINED SERVICE 9.30 AM
Welcomers	Lois and Nic
1st reading <i>Revelation 7.9-17</i>	Sue
2nd reading <i>1 John 3.1-3</i>	Jacque
Gospel <i>Matthew 5.1-12</i>	Meliata
Intercessor	Brian
Morning Tea	Sam and Deb

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NOTICES

ALL SAINTS a combined service will be held at 9.30am at St David's. The Prendiville Liturgical Choir will be with us as we gather to remember, to mourn, to give thanks, and to be blessed. With the students and parents with us it would be appreciated if you would bring a plate of food for morning tea.

MEDITATION Thursdays 5.30pm St David's church. All welcome.

PRAYER WORKSHOP **Thursday 9 November 2.00-3.00pm.** Experience three forms of prayer; Gregorian Meditation, Godly Play and Praying in Colour, gathering in St Davids Church. This is the final ministry occasion Meliata offers in the parish.

AMUA (Mothers' Union) Meeting **Monday 13 November 10.00am.** Please read Philippians 3.12-16. All welcome. Phyllis 9364 5271.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS for the homeless supported by St Bart's. Please see the list attached and available on Sunday at church. Please bring items, or donations can be given to Sam who will buy on your behalf, by **Sunday 29 November.**

RADIO PROGRAMME **3.00 -5.00pm Sunday 26 November** will be dedicated to the Applecross Parish. Complete the form of your song choice and return to Wendy by Sunday 19 November. A form is available at church on Sunday.

PrideFEST 2023 Presented by Equal Voices WA and Pride WA with Perth Pride Choir. **5.30pm Saturday 11 November** at St George's Cathedral. We have been asked to rsvp : info@perthcathedral.org

ST DAVID'S COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP has commenced for the final term of the year. We pray for the families, especially the precious little ones.

CAFÉ BETHLEHEM Final gathering will be **Thursday 21 December**, which will be a Christmas High Tea.

PLASTIC BOTTLE LIDS Please save your plastic bottle lids.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE The Parish number is **C10681155.**

LIVE STREAM Team link We invite you to a scheduled Team meeting, for the 9.30am service. Join the Meeting using the link: <http://bit.ly/3JydKOD>
Thanks to Nic for the new cameras and improved sound system for our online worshippers.