

## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

“God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in our world, and especially now by the acts of war in Ukraine. Enable us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer, and who live today in fear and anxiety. Sustain the hope of all those, in this beloved part of the world, who seek justice and peace. Send the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, to inspire the leaders of nations and all human beings.” Taizé

One of the most popular icons of the Virgin Mary, called the “Virgin of Vladimir” a 12th century Byzantine icon was given as a gift by the Patriarch of Constantinople to the Grand Duke of KIEV. Then it was transferred to the city of Vladimir (hence the name given to her) and finally to Moscow where she is now. **To MARY, Queen of Peace and Virgin of Tenderness**, let us entrust the present and the future of Ukraine, of the people who are fighting, of the women and children who are fleeing from war and must leave their land with so much suffering.



At Blessed **PETER VIGNE'S TOMB** we pray for **PEACE**

“I pray that the world will be at peace, that there will be no more war and that everyone will be happy. Amen. Thank you Pierre Vigne. Joanna

May God bless this violent world. Help us find peace, serenity and compassion. A. de Chateauneuf

A prayer for all families. A prayer for **peace to reign in the world** and for there to be more love in the hearts of men. Genevieve.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us Bl. Peter Vigne who intercedes for us. Amen

Through your intercession, Peter Vigne, bring health to our sick and lead the world to the Peace of Christ. Amen. Chantal

### TO ALL: A FRUITFUL LENTEN JOURNEY

Remembering the Feast of the Annunciation 25 March and Saint Joseph during the month of March.

REMEMBER MAUNDY THURSDAY 14th and GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL

A BLESSED FEAST OF EASTER TO ALL: “He is truly risen!”

ALLELUIA



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At the beginning of Lent the road to the great feast of the Resurrection, Christ's Paschal Mystery, stretched out before us...and then a terrible war reminded us of the urgency of conversion and the rejection of all that is evil and the one who is ever ready to sow evil and division: the Evil one, the Enemy, the Demon. **Not only that...but also** we must nourish ourselves with the Gifts of God and follow the Lord on his journey to Jerusalem, to learn from him how to sow what is good.

**Not only...but also!**

*“Not only does he who is in the habit of meditation and prayer, receive many graces from Heaven which the Prophet compares to the abundant water that waters deeply the tree that is planted nearby (Ps 1),*

*not only does he bear fruit, as seen in the good works he does,*

*not only does he cultivate and preserve the Christian virtues which the Holy*

*Spirit here compares to the leaves of this tree but he also promises that the one who meditates, -prays, will prosper in all that he does because the person who meditates is always in consultation with the Lord!*



*God promised to guide us on our journey, not only when we no longer rely on our own wisdom, but also, when with complete trust in him, we seek and discern his holy will in all things. Furthermore, meditation obtains for us not only God's special protection and blessings, but also a divine light to help us see the obstacles and the negative consequences of our decisions and show us what we must do to avoid them. That is why David said that when he meditated he became wiser than his teachers! Proverbs 3, 1-6 Psalm 118 vs, 99.*

*Let us remain firm in our resolve to commit to daily spiritual reading and reflection”*

HN 1 -64-65

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**LENT** Fr. Vigne's text echoes what Pope Francis tells us.

**"DO NOT WEARY OF DOING GOOD**

for when the time comes, we will reap, if we do not lose heart. Therefore, when we have the opportunity, work for the good of all" (Gal 6, 9-10a) **A first fruit of the good sown is found in ourselves** and in our daily relationships, down to the smallest gestures of kindness. In God, no act of love, however small, and no "generous fatigue" is wasted. **Just as the tree can be recognized by its fruits (Mt 7,16-20), so the life filled with good works is luminous (Mt 5, 14-16) Let us not tire of praying.** ...We must pray because we need God. Self-sufficiency is a dangerous illusion... No one saves himself, because we are all in the same boat in the storms of history. But above all, no one is saved without God, because only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ gives victory over the dark waters of death.

**...Let us not tire of eliminating evil from our lives.** May bodily fasting...strengthen our spirit to fight against sin. Let us not tire of asking for forgiveness in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, knowing that God does not tire of forgiving us... ..

**Let us not tire of doing good in concrete charity towards our neighbour...** Let us put into practice the call to do good to all....

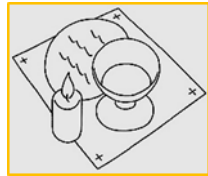
**Let us not tire of sowing good.**

**Fasting prepares the ground,  
prayer irrigates it,  
charity fertilizes it.**

Pope Francis

**HOLY THURSDAY...EVERY DAY**

**The Eucharist is life,**  
exuberant, full, accomplished,  
divine life;  
It is the life of Jesus Christ in me!  
It makes us grow, it strengthens us,  
enlightens us, purifies us, calms us,  
saves us by making us more like  
God...



**The Eucharist!  
God with us  
God at home with us!**

We thirst for truth,  
for light, for greatness,  
freedom, peace, joy;  
a joy that is pure, unshakeable,  
deep, unchanging.  
Now all those gifts can only be  
found in Jesus.  
**He does not change  
he does not go away, he remains  
always with us.**

Jeanne Malcor (1880-1914)

Taken from her book "Sans  
regarder en arriere.

**FOR YOUR MEDITATION.**

(Proverbs 3, 1-7) quoted by Fr. Vigne.

My child, do not forget my teaching, let your heart keep my principles, since they will increase your length of days, your years of life and your well-being. Let faithful love and constancy never leave you: tie them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart....Trust wholeheartedly in Yahweh...acknowledge him in every course you take and he will see that your paths are smooth. Do not congratulate yourself on your own wisdom, fear Yahweh and turn your back on evil.....

**Fruits of good works** "During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his word, which is "living and active" (Heb 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (Jas. 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives", says Pope Francis.

In the text chosen for this month, Peter Vigne invites us **to welcome the Word of God**, and to meditate or "ruminate" on it. Just as a tree needs water and is nourished by it in order to grow and bear fruit, in the same way the person who meditates daily "seeks God's counsel" and so discovers how **to act responsibly on a daily basis.** The invitation to welcome and receive the Word of God is for everyone. Peter Vigne recommends it to all the faithful who attend his missions and those who read his books. **His message is spoken to us today, to you and to me!** He promises that meditation will draw down "blessings from Heaven" ...And for what reason? for the good seed which Pope Francis invites us to sow in ourselves and around us. "This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace".. Yes, repeats Peter Vigne, the well-planted tree "bears fruit...he does good works in due time." These two appeals, from Francis and Peter, touch our hearts at the very moment when bombs, sown with rage, rain down on Ukraine. Countless sufferings, wound and kill our brave Ukrainian brothers! In response, let us endeavour to **sow good and never tire of praying.** B.R.

**GOOD FRIDAY...every Friday in Lent**



**"This Cross, on which you suffered so much...I will show it... to all my brothers",** affirmed Pierre Vigne. He still calls us today to know how to look at the Cross and the Crucified One. Jesus is our God, crucified. But crucified, not as though it marked the end of a road, but as the beginning of a new path, because the life of Jesus does not end on the Cross. It continues and leads to the Resurrection, it continues in our life - the life of each one of us and the life of humanity - to lead us all to LIFE eternal. Let us contemplate Jesus Crucified, let us adore him on the Cross... and pray for all those who, at this moment, are experiencing the cross of war, violent death, disease or sickness. Let us pray especially for the children who already know the horrible suffering of war.

>>> This year, the **Stations of the Cross** (which Bl Peter Vigne built with the inhabitants of Boucieu and the surrounding area, in 1712-1713) will take place in **Boucieu on Good Friday April 15.** It will be conducted by Monsignor Balsa, Bishop of Viviers.