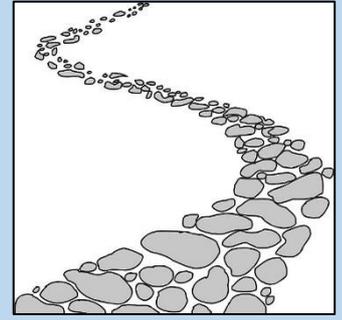


WALKING THE PATH



Walking the Path of ... Gratitude

Prayer

God our creator and sustainer,
We thank you for the gifts of creativity you have given us,
for the ability to explore science
and understand your creation.

We ask your forgiveness for the times we have used science
for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace.

Make us vigilant as we develop technology,
that violence and discrimination may not take root,
that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled,
that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost.

May all that we create contribute to peace and justice.

Amen

14th January 2024

Peace Sunday

In John's Gospel,
John the Baptist
points to Christ :

“Behold the
Lamb of God.”



PRAYER INTENTION : PEACE ON EARTH

PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE : Jerusalem



Altar of the Crucifixion : The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is believed to include the site of the Crucifixion at Calvary. The place of the cross is, according to tradition, sited at the eastern end of the nave with a black marble square on each side of the altar, remembering the two thieves crucified with Jesus. Pilgrims can kneel and place themselves under the central altar and reverence the spot where the Cross is said to have been fixed.



Saint Antony Abbot

Antony was an Egyptian monk who lived a life of great asceticism, avoiding all types of indulgence, and only eating bread, salt and water once a day. He is thought of as the first monk. He lived by himself for many years and then became the leader of a group of followers whom he organized and instructed. He devoted himself to this for 5 or 6 years before retiring again into solitude. This organisation inspired others and so he is called the father of monasticism.

“Cultivate and bear witness to the hope,
generosity, and solidarity that we all need.”

- Pope Francis, *World Youth Day 2023*



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