

Welcome to a short time of prayer and reflection for Remembrance Sunday. Let us be still and recognise we are in the presence of God: Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen

The Lord be with you

Remembrance Sunday offers the chance

to remember with thanks giving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

To pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror,

And to commit ourselves to work, in penitence and faith for reconciliation within and between nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

Let us confess to God the shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness and greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish the peace God wills for all Creation:

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city; on all the cities and peoples of our world:

Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness; wherever there is conflict

Christ have mercy

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner. Grant us peace.

Lord have mercy

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life Amen

Let us pray:

God, our refuge and our strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We listen to a reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon : see additional attachment

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask God to give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God

May God give peace

For those who love them in death as in life offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss,

May God give peace

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family and friends and all who pray for their safe return

May God give peace

For civilian children, women and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity

May God give peace

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free

May God give peace

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious, asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace

May God give peace

For all that is on our own hearts, in a moment of quiet we pray

May god give peace.

We gather all these intercessions in the prayer Jesus gave us:

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever, Amen.

And we pray for God's blessing on each other and all who we love and pray for:

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people unity, peace, concord and healing,

And to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen