

2021 Intercessions for Remembrance Sunday

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us bring before the God of Peace our prayers for the world, the Church and all his people.

Merciful God, we pray for Peace in our hearts and homes, in our nation and in our world.

The response to each prayer is:

GOD GIVE US PEACE

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict. For the servicemen & women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known by God.

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

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For men, women and children whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, whose lives will never be the same again. For those undergoing lengthy rehabilitation.

MAY GOD GIVE ^{men} US PEACE

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

GOD GIVE PEACE

For all who bear the burden and the privilege of leadership,

Political, military and religious;

We ask for ^{them to have} gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

MAY GOD GIVE PEACE

O God of truth and justice,

We hold before you those whose memory we cherish

And those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past may we put our faith in your future for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Please hold or look at your poppy.....

Poppies are bright and colourful flowers. Give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to their families and friends and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Look at the red petals; red reminds us of danger and harm and the blood shed by so many for us. We ask God to be close to all those who are still facing danger each day, give courage to the armed forces and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy. Poppies are gentle and need to be handled gently. God care for those who are hurting and who are sad. Give comfort to all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally, place a finger in the centre of the poppy as we ask God to help us all play our part in working for peace in the world.

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid,

AMEN