Remembrance Sunday Intercessions



On this Remembrance Sunday, let us bring before the God of peace our prayers for the world, the church and all God's people.

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, in our nations and our world, the peace which is your will, the peace which we so badly need.

We remember today O Lord all those who have died in acts of war throughout the world, soldiers who perished in the horror of battle, civilians buried beneath the rubble from bomb attacks or killed in the cross-fire of fighting in their communities.

Today we remember especially those victims of the two world wars including those close to us, or to our parents and grandparents. We remember those who came home with terrible injuries, both physical and psychological and those whose loved ones never returned.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Remembering the conflicts of the past and the sacrifices which were made, we pray for your world where war is still a grim reality. Lord as we remember those who have lost their lives, help us to renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny and oppression. Still we cry out to you in the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish. Lord hear our prayer for the multitudes in every country who reject war and are ready to walk the path of peace. May their voice be heard and may they never lose heart.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of the nations at this time, asking you to pour out your spirit of reconciliation on them. Give them a longing to bring freedom from fear and freedom from want for all peoples. Give strength and courage to those who bear heavy responsibilities for the peace of the world.

We pray also for the Christian Church, called to witness to your love in this generation. May Christians work with all people of goodwill to break down the barriers which divide us. May all who profess a faith respect and honour those of other faiths and build a community where there is harmony and understanding.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful God, we pray for all who face challenge and uncertainty at this time. We particularly remember before you all experiencing stress in family relationships, those facing an uncertain future, unemployment or other financial hardship, for all struggling with illness in themselves

or someone they love. Give them courage and hope in times of uncertainty and guide us in how we can help and give support to those in need at this time.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

On this day of remembrance we pray for all who mourn the loss of someone they have loved. Give them strength and comfort in their grief, may each come to know the hope that you bring when we turn to you in our sorrow and loss.

We remember too all those who have died. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. Loving God, grant we pray all who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Finally, gracious God, we pray for ourselves,
that in this time of uncertainty and distress we may put our confidence in you,
O Lord you know we are often filled with fear and foreboding.
Give us courage and deepen our trust.
You are a rock which nothing can shatter.
On you we can place the whole weight of our lives and hopes.

Merciful Father:
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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