

## Prayer Service for Remembrance Day

### INTRODUCTION

Good morning/afternoon. We come together today to remember in faith all who have served, and continue serving in our armed forces, especially those who have died and those wounded in battle. We also pray for healing and peace; that one day, all peoples will lay down their arms and embrace one another as brothers and sisters in one human family.

### OPENING SONG

Please join in our opening song: (Sugg: *Peace Prayer* vv. 1-3)

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us begin our prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Lord God, you fashioned each of us in your divine image and likeness, to live in the communion you share as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Be with us as we reflect and pray this morning. May this gathering, together with Remembrance Day thoughts and prayers everywhere, help move our world one step closer to the peace of your Kingdom. We make this prayer to you through Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace and Lord. Amen.

And now, let us be attentive to God's word.

### READING

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Let us pause for a moment of silence as we remember God's promise of peace, and all who have served in our armed forces to help bring peace to our world.

## **LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**The response to our petitions is, *Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.***

For all who have served the cause of peace in our armed forces, we pray...

For all who have lost loved ones due to war, we pray...

For all who continue to suffer due to war, we pray...

For all who long for Your peace, we pray...

For all who dedicate their lives to Your peace, we pray...

For all who bring Your comfort to veterans and their families, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your peace, we pray...

**The response to our petitions is, *Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.***

For all who live in despair, we pray...

For all who seek healing of body, spirit and soul, we pray...

For all who live with great losses due to war, we pray...

For all who trust in Your promises, we pray...

For all who cling to Your words, we pray...

For all who minister to veterans and survivors with Your Gospel, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your hope, we pray...

**The response to our petitions is, *Jesus, Restorer of Life, hear our prayer.***

For all whose faith has been wounded by war and violence, we pray...

For all whose sense of purpose has suffered due to war and violence, we pray...

For all whose sense of self has been broken by war and violence, we pray...

For all whose journey remains incomplete without You, we pray...

For all who seek completeness in You, we pray...

For all who lead veterans and their communities to fullness of life in You, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your Gospel of Life, we pray...

**The response to our petitions is, *Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.***

For all whose bodies bear the marks of war, we pray...

For all whose spirits bear the scars of war, we pray...

For all whose wounds are bound up in the prison of addictions, we pray...

For all who have not yet experienced Your healing love, we pray...

For all who rely on Your healing presence in their lives, we pray...

For all who bring Your healing to veterans and their families, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your healing love, we pray...

**The response to our petitions is, *All praise to You, Jesus, Lord and Redeemer***

For Your Gospel of comfort and peace...

For Your victory over death and promise of everlasting life...

For Your presence with us always, to the end of the age...

For Your gift of the Spirit, Who makes us whole...

For Your gift of peace, poured into our hearts at Baptism...

For Your messengers who bring us Your Good News of love and peace...

For Your call to help spread the Good News with our lives...

Let us take a moment to remember all whose needs remain in our hearts this day. Let us join our prayers for them to the constant prayer of Jesus on our behalf, using the words He gave us:

***Our Father...***

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord our God, on this day of remembrance, we entrust all our prayers and needs to your infinite mercy. Help us to become ever more mindful of the bonds that unite us as a human family despite our differences. Heal our inner wounds and outward divisions, that one day our world might live in your true and lasting peace. We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CLOSING SONG**

Please join in singing our closing song: (Sugg: *Peace Prayer* vv. 4-6)