

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

Virtue Link: Faith, Hope, Love, Justice, Fortitude

INTRODUCTION

Good morning, and welcome to our Remembrance Day prayer service. Today is November 11th – the day we remember those who have served with Canada's Armed Forces. We remember their sacrifices for the sake of peace, and pause to honour them in reflection and prayer.

OPENING SONG

Please join in our opening song

(Sugg: *Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace* CBWIII No. 630; *Peace Prayer* Glory & Praise, No. 652 [vv 1-3 at beginning, vv 4-6 at end of prayer]; *Be Not Afraid* CBWIII No. 481)

OPENING PRAYER

Let us begin our prayer, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray... Lord, many persons we know and love have served in our Armed Forces to help make the world a more peaceful place. We lift them up to you – those who have died and those still with us. May our prayer today help bring them and their loved ones comfort, peace and hope. We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

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, You sent Your Son to lead us into the peace of Your Kingdom. Look with kindness on all who have served the cause of peace in our armed forces. Send Your comfort and healing to their families, and to all who suffer due to war and conflict. May Your Son's Gospel message of peace burn ever more brightly in our hearts, our words and our actions, and lead all to fullness of life in You. We make this prayer to you through this same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

CLOSING SONG

Please join in our closing song: (Sugg: *Children of the Light*, by Fr Eugene O'Reilly; *Lift High the Cross*, CBWIII No. 435; *Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace* CBWIII No. 630; *Peace Prayer* Glory & Praise, No. 652; *Be Not Afraid* CBWIII No. 481)