

Prayers for Remembrance Sunday

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Dear Father,

Thank you that we can meet here this morning, while parts of this world are in conflict.

We remember especially all those who gave their lives in the two world wars. All over the world, in this country and in this village, names engraved and remembered in the memorial and on the plaque in this church. Those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Father of all, remember your holy promise,
and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,
those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.

We also pray for those who are in active service at present moment. Protect them, Lord from any harm.

Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.

And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Now let us think of conflict between those we know, friends, families- show us how
to be mediators and peace makers- showing your love and making us grace givers.

Please replace war with peace, ceasefire and harmony. Turn hatred into love. Let
gentleness replace violence. Turn desperation into a future and hope. Where food,
water and medical supplies are needed- let aid be transported and delivered.
Amen.