

Remembrance Sunday 2018

Intercession by Barbara Watson

“Let us pray.” We begin with words from the Church of England resources this Remembrance Day, and I will close with words written by Paul Lesser, retired veteran, who so ably led these prayers on this day for many years. The response to “Lord, in Your mercy” is “Hear our prayer”.

On this Remembrance Sunday, as we commemorate the end of World War 1, we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World 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. 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 all who have served in war & peace over the years. & remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time & a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ’s kingdom. **Lord, in Your mercy... Hear our prayer.**

And Lord, we pray that Your will prevail in the decisions of all who lead our nations, & that those who hold authority in our government/economy/&/institutions, be governed by justice, mercy & a desire to promote peace & to serve the common good. For Elizabeth our Queen & for all in authority under her, that they all may be guided by Your light... **Lord, in Your mercy... Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who lead Your Church, all who minister, that they may be guided with patient understanding by Your will as they spread Your word. We pray for The Episcopal Church of Cuba, The Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado Del Carpio, and their congregation. We pray for Michael, our Bishop; Colin, our Metropolitan; Fred, our Primate; & Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Parish of Adolphustown/Sandhurst, the Rev. Dr. John Walmsley, and their congregations. For all who seek God & a holy life of justice, peace & love; for The Diocese of Ontario; for all clergy & people, especially this congregation, its priests & congregation; for St. George’s Sunday School & Nursery, Kevin Raison and Betsy Schmidt co-ordinators, & all members; and we pray for the following households: Peter & Bonnie Tett, Warren Thwing, Allan Tilford, and their families; for all those serving in the Canadian Forces at home & overseas, & their families: **Lord, in Your mercy... Hear our**

Lord, give us grace to recognize our neighbours in their need, & to care with love & compassion for all those scarred by trials & difficulties; & for all who care for them. We pray for all who work & live in harsh conditions, & for the health & safety of all, here & abroad, who are suffering, that Your compassionate love will enfold & comfort all who need our prayers today. For all those whose names are on our Prayer Chain, with our Prayer Fellowship group & in our Prayer Basket; for Jeanie Oulton and family, The Very Reverend Sharon Murdoch, Rev. Valerie Kelly, the Rev. Canon Alex Wakeling, Theo Bruce, David Stockwell, Terry, Patricia Hatt and family; Rev. Dr. Stan Lucyk; the families of Kay Paget and David Morgan; & for all those in our hearts whom we silently name now [...3 second pause], **Lord, in Your mercy... Hear our prayer.**

The flowers on the high altar today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant Andrew Price Boyd, RMC, killed in France, 1944. We pray for the faithful departed, for the repose of the souls of Robert Oulton, David Morgan & Kay Paget - & we remember all those who have passed before us, and we pray that Your gift of grace be bestowed upon them and upon those who mourn for them. For their eternal peace, let us pray with confidence to the Lord. **Lord, in Your mercy... Hear our prayer.**

And in Paul Lesser’s words... We come, O Lord, in gratitude for all who have died that we might live, for all who endured pain that we may know joy, for all who suffered imprisonment that we may know freedom. Turn our deep feeling now into determination, & our determination into deed, that as men and women died for peace, we may live for peace, in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord... **Amen.**