

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
REMEMBRANCE DAY, 2016

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Paul wrote this prayer in 2009 and leads the congregation in it every year. He is a veteran of the Korean War (June 1950-July 1953).

Let us pray. Please join in the AMEN at the end of each prayer, and the response to "Lord in your mercy" will be "Hear our prayer."

This morning we pray for all those listed in your bulletin and those known to you.

Let us remember before God
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war,
those whom we knew, and those whose memory we
treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

SILENCE

On this Remembrance Sunday we come, O Lord, in gratitude for all who have died that we might live, for all who endured pain that we know joy, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. Turn our deep feeling now into determination, and our determination into deed, that as men and women died for peace, we may live for peace for the sake of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

Comfort, O Lord, we pray thee, all who are mourning the loss of those who laid down their lives in war. Be with them in their sorrow, support them in their loneliness. Give them faith to look beyond the troubles of the present time, and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from thy love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AMEN

Today let us remember our Armed forces, especially those on duty in Afghanistan, and elsewhere, and for those who daily risk their lives in Rescue Missions.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Let us pray for the peace of the world

For statesmen and ruler, that they may have wisdom to know, and courage to do what is right.....

For all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour and creed.

And for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace....

Lord, in your mercy....

(ALL) HEAR OUR PRAYER

Most gracious god and Father, in whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your spirit, the peace, which is founded on righteousness, may be established throughout the whole world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN