

Prayers and Other Resources for Remembrance Sunday

(Please remember, any changes to our liturgies beyond the prayers listed here, must be approved by your diocesan bishop. In other words, “if it’s not in the book [BAS or BCP], then it’s not in your liturgy.”)

Intercessions

In peace let us pray to the Lord. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support. Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Other suitable petitions may be added.

Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introduction to the Peace

Jesus said, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.’

Introduction to an Act of Remembrance (immediately preceding blessing and dismissal)

Let us remember before God,

and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
[those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;]
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

A list of those to be remembered by name may then be read.

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God,
stretch forth your mighty arm
to strengthen and protect the armed forces:
grant that meeting danger with courage
and all occasions with discipline and loyalty,
they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;
to the honour of your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.