

Let us pray , today is Remembrance Sunday

History can inspire or trap,

Walls can protect or divide

Words can encourage or inflame

Power can free or destroy

Touch can comfort or violate

Peace can be shared or withheld

Gracious God, this day we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of this world, that leaders, governments, and each one of us may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer

Holy and beloved God, we remember the men and women who went to war with full awareness of the cost, so many never to return or returning wounded ,traumatised, disillusioned and afraid. We pray for veterans that you would bring restoration and healing to their bodies and minds. Give us the wisdom and heart to honour their great sacrifice. May the courage demonstrated by the nations bear witness to the God of hope. Give us the confidence to defend the defenceless, the fatherless, the forgotten, the poor and the powerless

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

O God bring unity and hope to our world ,a world that seems overwhelmed with so much momentous change and uncertainty. As powerful people show no mercy, justice or humility.; we chose to set aside every anxiety and fear placing our hope and trust in you. "Oh ancient of days," you existed before time began and reign sovereign over all things. All the power, all the glory belongs to you. One day every knee will bow before you. Your kingdom will reign over all the earth .

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

Soften our hearts where they have become weary and hardened to the world around us . Rekindle our compassion, unite us as a nation, town, church and in our relationships with each other.

May the light and love of Jesus, shine through us. Let this little light shine in the darkness, so that those we know and love, may see your perfect love, and the hope we have in you. We ask Lord that St Paul's will be a beacon of hope shining in our town. Fill us afresh with God's abundant love, and may the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us as we support people in practical and spiritual ways . Gracious Father of all, in darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, in death and in life ,help us to trust your love, to serve your purpose and praise your name forever

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, as the good shepherd, you gather us in your arms and carry us close to your heart. You guide us with your rod and staff through valleys of death into pastures of peace. We take a few moments to bring those who come to mind who need the loving care of the good shepherd, those who need the comfort of being carried at this time...pause.....

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God the father who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope ,encourage our hearts and strengthen us in every good deed and word. Lord make us receptive to the cross and to the divine revelation of eternity with you.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen