

A Liturgy for Remembrance Day

Call to Worship

In Judah God is known;
his name is great in Israel.
His tent is in Salem,
his dwelling place in Zion.
There he broke the flashing arrows,
the shields and the swords,
the weapons of war. *(Psalm 76:1-3)*

Prayer of Approach and Gathering

We arise today with the power of God to guide us,
the might of God to uphold us,
the wisdom of God to teach us,
the eye of God to watch over us,
the ear of God to hear us,
the word of God to give us speech,
the hand of God to protect us,
the way of God to direct us,
the shield of God to shelter us,
and the host of God to defend us.
Be with us, O God, as we offer to you
our remembering. *(Adopted from A War Primer: F.B. MacNutt)*

Litany of Remembrance

LEADER: O Lord our God,
we have gathered this day
to offer our prayers and petitions
for those who have perished as a result of conflict
and the strife of war.
We pray for those who have given of themselves willingly,
those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
We pray for those who have been victimized,
innocent casualties of hatred and terror.
We pray for those who continue to place themselves in harm's way
in order that peace and harmony might be achieved.
Hear us, O Lord, as we make our appeal in their memory;
Bless, O Lord our God,
those who have fought and valiantly died
that we might enjoy liberty and freedom.
May their sacrifice not be in vain.

PEOPLE: **May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.**

LEADER: Bless, O Lord our God,

those who have perished while engaged
in the task of Peacekeeping.
May their sacrifice not be in vain.

PEOPLE: **May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.**

LEADER: Bless, O Lord our God,
the innocent victims of war,
those who have suffered
as a result of conflict and strife.

PEOPLE: **May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.**

LEADER: Bless, O Lord our God,
those who continue to train and prepare themselves
for active duty and missions.
May the sacrifices they make not be in vain.

PEOPLE: **May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.**

LEADER: All this we pray, and all this we ask,
in your Holy Name, O Lord, **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance

As we remember in silence before God those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let us commend their souls anew to God's eternal mercy and compassion, and let us pray that God would grant us grace to serve faithfully until our life's end, to the honour and glory of God's Holy Name.

Two minutes of silence; Last Post, Lament, Reveille.

Prayer

Loving and compassionate God,
we pray for all who have laboured for liberty, freedom and justice;
for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice;
for those who in life and death have preserved our living.
Grant that they may rest in your peace, and that we,
through our actions, may be found worthy to inherit
the eternal treasures of your kingdom. **Amen.**

Suggested Hymns:

O Valiant Hearts
O God our help in ages past
Be thou my vision
Make me a channel of your peace
Be still my soul