

VE Day 75th Anniversary

8th May 2020

Opening responses

Heaviness may endure for a night:

But joy comes in the morning.

God has been our refuge and our strength:

A present help in time of trouble.

Words of introduction

... as we join our voices together and say:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

2 minutes silence followed by the last post.

A prayer for VE Day

From the Act of Commitment for Peace

Lord God our Father,

we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,

in the cause of peace,

for the relief of want and suffering,

and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit;

give us wisdom;

give us courage;

give us hope;

and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen.

Reading

John 15:9-17 (NIV)

⁹‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: love each other.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Prayers

Let us Pray

O Lord our God,
as we remember, teach us the ways of peace. As we treasure memories, teach us
to hope. As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past, help us to make your
future in this world,
until your kingdom come.

Amen.

A prayer for peace

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle in the hearts of all people the
true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom
may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A prayer for our current situation

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.
Give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure ,
both here and around the world
And for each of us, may our trust be in you,
And may we know your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A prayer for our Sovereign

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Final Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all people, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.