**Intercessions for Remembrance Sunday**

**8th November 2020**

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us bring before the God of peace our prayers for the world, the church and all His people. Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, In our nations and our world. The peace which is your will, The peace which we so badly need.

We remember today O Lord all those who have died in any kind of war throughout your world, soldiers who perished in the horror of battle, innocent people buried beneath the rubble from bomb attacks, men women and children brutally attacked and murdered in their villages.  
Today we remember especially those victims of the two world wars including those close to us, or to our parents and grandparents. We remember those who came home with terrible injuries, both physical and psychological and those whose loved ones never returned. 

***Lord in your mercy***

Remembering the conflicts of the past and the sacrifices which were made, we pray for a world where war is still a grim reality. Lord as we remember those who have lost their lives, help us to renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny and oppression. Still we cry out to you in the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish, let not new clouds rain death upon the earth. Lord hear our prayer for the multitudes in every country who do not want war and are ready to walk the path of peace. May their voice be heard and may they not lose heart.

***Lord in your mercy***

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of the nations at this time, asking you to pour out your spirit of reconciliation on them. Give them a longing to bring freedom from fear and freedom from want for all peoples. Give strength and courage to those who bear heavy responsibilities for the peace of the world. We pray also for all Church’s, called to witness to your love in this generation. May we work with all people of goodwill to break down the barriers which divide us. May those who profess one faith respect those who sincerely hold another faith and build a community where there is harmony and understanding.

***Lord in your mercy***

Merciful God, we pray for all who face difficulties in their personal lives - problems in their families, in their friendships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. Help them to be calm in these times of uncertainty and patient with those around them. Show us when we can help and give support to others around us.

On this day of remembrance our hearts and prayers go out to all who mourn the loss of those we have loved. When we lose someone close we feel that part of us dies as well but part of them lives on in us. Give us strength and understanding to honour and cherish that gift. Help all those who are bereaved to find the same consolation that in knowledge of your love they may honour the past by looking to the future.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.  
We now remember before God all those who have died and light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ, which eternally shines and brings hope.  
  
*We remember*…

You turn our darkness into light in your light shall we see light  
Lord in your mercy  
  
Lord Finally, a prayer for ourselves that we may all put our confidence in you,   
O Lord you know we are often filled with fear and foreboding.   
Give us courage and deepen our trust. You are a rock which nothing can shatter. On you ,we can place the whole weight of our lives  
  
Merciful Father:  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen