



# Remembrance Sunday Prayers 2020

They shall grow not old, as we  
that are left grow old; age  
shall not weary them, nor the

years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we  
shall remember them.

## **Bible Reading**

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid”. John 14:27

## **Praying with a Poppy**

Lord, the red of the poppy is like the red of the blood shed by so many in the wars of the last century. We remember members of our family who were directly involved in those wars, some in the armed forces, some left behind. We remember the injury, trauma, death, courage, fear – lives changed forever. We give thanks for those who were prepared to pay the highest price of all. Amen.

## **For those who have died on active service**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service:

in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **A prayer for those affected by war**

God of justice and peace,  
we pray for those who have been injured  
or disabled through war.

For those who have lost homes  
and security through conflict;  
for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;  
for those who face danger and take risks for peace;  
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;  
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.

God of encouragement  
comfort those who remember past sacrifices  
and guide us in building  
a just and peaceful community for all. Amen.

## **For Peace**

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all people and establish harmony among all nations. May I (we) pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to help this world secure and free. May God give us peace. Amen.

## **For those whose names are on the war memorial**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memories we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope. Amen.

## **The Kohima Epitaph**

When you go home  
Tell them of us and say,  
For your tomorrow  
We gave our today.

