

## *A Remembrance Day Prayer*

Father, we remember the deeds of courage and the sacrifices that were made to secure the freedoms we enjoy by countless men and women during the last 100 years. We remember, O Lord, how different it was for them and we pray that we may be caretakers of freedom and justice worthy of their offering.

Lord we remember the peoples, nations ravaged by war—the 20 major civil wars that have plagued Africa in the last 40 years leaving a legacy of brokenness. Lord heal broken people and nations. May forgiveness change the future for these people and their homelands. We look forward to your Kingdom come when wars will cease. Lord let your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Father we hear your word—that wars and conflicts happen because of our desires for things others have. We want to repent of coveting. Give us grace to be content in this covetous culture. We pray your grace, repentance, and contentment of leaders of nations who start unjust wars because of their greed. We pray that there may be peace in this world—abiding peace that comes from an equal sharing of what this earth affords.

We pray for the leaders in the free world who must make difficult decisions about war. I pray that they will lead with humility and dependence upon you.

Lord help us by your Spirit to live in the tension of loving our enemies and overcoming evil with good. Help us to do justice and to resist the evil and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Show us where we are to engage with compassion the sufferings we encounter. Open our eyes as a community to those You are leading us to befriend.

We pray for those who are currently serving in the forces of countries fighting against terror. Lord, foil the plots of those who plan terror, bring down evil, rise up against leaders who seek revenge, bring righteousness to near on nations.

Bring forgiveness to this world. Bring the peace that comes from caring for others, the peace that comes when we seek you first, the peace that comes from bringing out the best in those who are different from us. Lord open our hearts to the needs of others. Make us instruments of your grace.

Let your kingdom come. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.