

Some Individual Prayers

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday

O Lord, our maker and our strength,
from whose love in Christ we can never be parted
either by death or defeat:
May our remembrance this day deepen our sorrow
for the loss and wastes of war,
make us more grateful to those who courageously gave their lives
to defend this land and commonwealth;
and may all who bear the scars and memories
of conflicts, past and present, know your healing love
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

A Prayer for World Peace

O God,
lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.
lead us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.
lead us from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Amen.

(Satish Kumar)

A Prayer to be said by families visiting a war grave or memorial

Lord Jesus, we believe that you stood beside *N* and his
fellow-soldiers as they fought to bring peace to your world.
We believe that you have stood among us
as we have tried to imagine the fear and pain and loneliness
of the wounded and the dying on the battlefield.
We believe that you stand beside us now,
as we remember and honour *N*.
In your great mercy, bless our good memories,
comfort us when we grieve for the life that might have been,
and strengthen us in all we do to seek the peace and freedom
which are your desire for the world.

God our Father,
we thank you that you have made each of us
in your own image,
and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.
We thank you for *N*,
the years *his [our]* family shared with him,
the good they saw in *him*,
the love they received from *him*.
Now give us strength and courage
to leave *him* in your care,
confident in your promise of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Common Worship Pastoral Services *Funeral Prayers 21* (page 352) adapted

Lord of life,
we walk through eternity in your presence.
Lord of death,
we call to you in grief and sorrow:
you hear us and rescue us.
Watch over us as we mourn the death of your servant,
precious in your sight,
and keep us faithful to our vows to you.
Amen.

Psalm Collect *for use after Psalm 116* (Common Worship Pastoral Services p. 381)

A Prayer for ourselves as we seek the way of peace and reconciliation

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds,
to work together for peace;
to see you in one another,
and to seek your kingdom above all things;
that your will may be done,
and your Kingdom come,
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings.
Amen.

A corporate form of Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have acted wilfully, vented our anger,
and sought revenge. Curb our passions, we pray,
restrain our violence and hostility.
Give us the courage to speak
out in the face of injury and wrong.
And in your mercy, restore and remake us,
that we may act justly, keep faith,
and walk in the way of your commandments,
in justice and in peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer that we may live peaceably

O God, all holy one, you are our Mother and our Father and we are your children. Open our eyes and our hearts that we may discern your work and see your features in every one of your children. May we know that you want us to care for one another as those who know that they are sisters and brothers, members of the same family. Help us to live in harmony, wiping away the tears from the eyes of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. And may we know war no more, as we strive to be what you want us to be: your children. **Amen.**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, adapted

A Prayer for the Peace of the World

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, 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 your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Francis Paget, 1851-1911