

REMEMBRANCE

“To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.”

Thomas Campbell (Scottish Poet)



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

“Dear God, on this Remembrance Day, we thank You for the brave men and women who gave their lives so that we could live in peace. Help us to honour their sacrifice by loving one another, just as You have loved us. Teach us to be kind, to make sacrifices for others, and to always choose love. Amen.

In John 15:12-13, Jesus teaches us about the greatest kind of love – a love that is selfless and willing to give everything for others. He says that the greatest love a person can show is to lay down their life for a friend. While we may not be called to make such an extreme sacrifice in our everyday lives, we are still called to love and care for others in ways that show kindness, support, and generosity.



WORD OF THE WEEK

John 15: 12-13

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I 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. You 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. This is my command: Love each other.



A time to remember...

On Remembrance Day, we take a moment to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers who gave their lives to protect our freedom and keep us safe. It's a time to remember those who served in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions. But it's also an opportunity for us to think about the meaning of sacrifice and love in our own lives.

A Legacy of Peace

The soldiers we remember today demonstrated the kind of love we hear in this week's Word of the Week — they laid down their lives for their friends, families, and future generations. They made a sacrifice so that others could live in peace, safety, and freedom.

On Remembrance Day, we reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers who gave their lives to protect peace and freedom. It's a time to honour their memory, but also to think about how we can continue their work by being peacemakers in our own lives. Peacemakers are people who work to create peace, resolve conflict, and show kindness and understanding in difficult situations.

How can you bring and promote peace in the world today?

Talk to the person next to you about the small things you could do to promote peace, that together can make a real difference to the world around us.



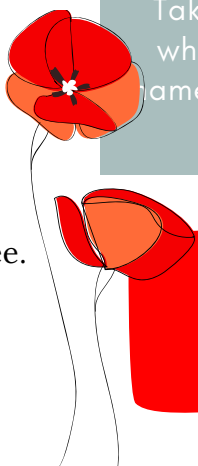
A Moment of Silence

In fields where poppies gently grow,
We pause today to think and know,
Of those who fought, who gave their all,
And answered freedom's distant call.
With courage strong and hearts so brave,
They walked the path that few would pave,
To keep our skies and lands so free,
So we could live in harmony.
We remember those who lost their lives,
And honour those who still survive,
Their sacrifice, a gift so grand,
For peace and hope across the land.
Today we stand with grateful hearts,
For every soldier, every part,
They gave so much so we could see
A world where love and peace are free.
So in a moment, silent, still,
We honour them with quiet will.
And vow to make the world a place,
Of kindness, peace, and loving grace.

November: The month of remembrance

In the Catholic Church, November is a special month when we remember and pray for all those who have died, especially our loved ones. In the Catholic faith, we believe that when we die, our life is not ended, but changed. Death is a passage, not the end. As Catholics we believe that our souls live on after we die, and we are called to eternal life with God. The changing season of autumn can help us understand this. As the leaves change colour and fall, it may look like the trees are dying. But we know that this is just a part of the cycle of life. In spring, new leaves will grow. In the same way, we believe that after death, life continues in a new, beautiful form with God in heaven.

Take a moment in silence this morning to pray for those who have died. If you would like to share as a form the names of those in your family who you would like everyone to pray for and remember.



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