

Prayers

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

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for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

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for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

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for those who live with the pain and scars of bodily injury; for those whose minds are shattered by the horrors which they witnessed or endured; for those who have been bereaved; for those who do not believe in you or trust their fellow men. Grant to them peace of mind and heart, and relief from all their suffering;

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Bring your peace into our disordered world. Bring your order in our chaos, for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

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We pray for our Queen and for all those under her who guide and govern the affairs of our nation. Help them in every situation to know and do the thing that is right. Overrule all their deliberations for the good of our people; for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

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O God our Father, help us to realise that all striving after justice must begin with ourselves and not with others. Make us to be those who work for peace and seek always to express your love in the world.

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O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory 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 our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Together we say the Lord's Prayer – **Our Father**