

Anzac Day 2020

Call to remembrance

Before God,
we recall those who, in the great tragedy of war,
gave their lives for Australia
and those who died for the freedom of all people.

We remember those who still sleep amid the ridges
of Gallipoli and the terraced hills of Palestine;
those who lie in the cemeteries of France and Russia;
those who lie in the shimmering haze of the Libyan desert,
the jungle of Malaya, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands;
those who fought in the liberation of Europe, in the
defence of Britain, in Korea, Borneo, Vietnam,
in our own land and the unknown resting places in every sea.

We remember all who have fallen since in the defence
of peace, on land, in the air and on the sea.
We remember each man, woman and child who has died
so that the light of freedom, justice and humanity
may continue to shine.

Today, as we remember,
we ask God that we and our successors
may prove worthy of their sacrifice.

Prayer

Lord God,
help us to remember the sacrifice
of all the generations of men, women and children
who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.
Help us to remember those who still bear
the physical and mental scars
and disabilities of their service.
Help us to remember the widows and widowers,
girlfriends and boyfriends, parents and orphans,
sisters and brothers
and all who waited in vain the return of a loved one.
Help us remember the mateship, agony,
courage and compassion of war service;
but save us from ever glorifying
the horror and tragedy of war.
As the sun rises on this day,
Lord, help us to remember.
We pray this in Jesus name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Final prayer for peace

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving,
those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war.
We pray that their offering of their lives may not have been in vain.
May your grace enable us this day
to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace;
and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world.
Amen.