

**Act of Remembrance**

**Sun 8 Nov 2020**

**The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation**

Minister: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

**Father forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

**Father forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

**Father forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

**Father forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

**Father forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

**Father forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

**Father forgive.**

Minister: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them

*All then repeat:*

**We will remember them.**

***Here follows the SILENCE***

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ  
we can never be parted,  
either by death or life;  
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us continue in prayer

Living Lord, in a dark hour you spoke of the gift of peace, we seek  
that gift for ourselves. Grant us, that peace which you alone can give  
that we may be messengers of peace to our world.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

**Give peace in our hearts, O Lord**

We pray for all who suffer because they are known as your followers and all who suffer for trying to live the way you taught. Lord Jesus, you were crucified and rose again, so you know what they are going through. May they know you are with them.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Give peace in our hearts, O Lord**

We pray for all who suffer as a result of the wickedness and folly of others. We especially pray for those who suffer from the breakdown of law and order, or from the absence of justice and peace.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

**Give peace in our hearts, O Lord**

We pray for those involved in conflicts today. Grant them wisdom, courage and integrity in the dangers, challenges and decisions they face.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

**Give peace in our hearts, O Lord**

We pray for all those who have been broken in battle – in body mind or spirit. We pray for those who live in war-torn lands and for those who are refugees who no longer have a home.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

**Give peace in our hearts, O Lord**

We remember before you those who have died in war – service personnel and civilians, and for those who mourn. Lord, we pray that you may hold us fast amidst all we face in this world, that at the last we may enter into the peace and joy of your kingdom.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

**Give peace in our hearts, O Lord**

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**All We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**All We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**All We will.**

**All:**

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all your people in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.**

**Guide us by your Spirit;**

**Give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;**

**And keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**