Intercessions for 3 before Advent Year A – 8th November 2026– Remembrance Sunday

Loving God, we recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for your world, of which your Son is King. We pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the places of war, hatred and terrorism, especial in Ukraine and Gaza We pray that the nations of this world may be united and subject to the rule of Christ the King, through whom and for whom all things were created. We pray for earthy Monarchs especially Phillipe, King of Spain and our gracious sovereign King Charles. May their rules be guided and influenced by the example set by your son Jesus Christ.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, at home and abroad. Defend all who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety and give them courage to face the perils of active service. Comfort all worried families, whose loved ones are in danger: surround them with your love, protect them from all harm and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for medics and chaplains, and all who support the suffering: give them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience to minister to the sick and wounded and to all prisoners and captives. We especially pray for all who returned from the field of combat with injuries both physical and mental which have ruined their young lives and for the charities and organisations which support them in their convalescence.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we pray for those fallen in battle who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and in defence of peace and justice. We remember too all civilians and non-combatants who died in the fighting: surround all who are bereaved with compassion, and give them a patient faith in their suffering.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God, wash away the wounds of war, violence, and hatred, help us to recognise how blessed Jesus named the peacemakers and to know that if we really wish for a peaceful world we should honestly pray – "Let it begin with me."

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

These Prayers are taken from Churches Together Remembrance Sunday 2006

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;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

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

May God give peace: **God give peace**

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

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

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.

May God give peace: **God give peace**

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 forever. **Amen.**