

# Act of Remembrance 2021



*What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

## **Opening Bidding Prayer**

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We give thanks for the efforts of all members of our armed forces,  
and we pray for their protection and wise deployment.

We pray for all who continue to suffer the consequences of fighting  
and terror, and we remember, with thanksgiving and sorrow,  
those whose lives, in world wars and in many conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away. **Amen**

*.....We raise the Torch of Remembrance for our brothers and  
sisters, who mortally wounded, laid aside their dying flame to pass into  
the great unknown.*

*It is a time to remember, and a time to mourn, as we stand here in  
recognition of their sacrifice and in support of today's veterans who  
survived war and conflict, for many their lives forever changed.*

*We stand in respect as a nation united in Remembrance for those who  
have served our great country,  
And for our brothers and sisters who serve today as they work for peace.  
So shall the flaming Torch in Remembrance rise even higher  
Igniting a beacon never to be extinguished.*

*Paul Jacobs (wounded serving in Afghanistan)*

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

**THE EXHORTATION**      *(led by RBL representative)*

“They shall grow not 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**    **“We will remember them.”**

Bugler sounds the **“Last Post”**      *(lowering of standards)*

Two minutes **SILENCE**

Bugler sounds: **“Reveille”**      *(raising of standards)*

**THE KOHIMA**

When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow,  
we gave our today.      *(led by RBL representative)*

**THE PLACING OF THE WREATHS**

**Prayers**

**A prayer of St Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is despair, hope;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and in dying that we are born again  
to eternal life. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **Commitment**

**We pledge ourselves anew to our work in support of the wartime  
generations and to all those in other conflicts since.**

**We promise to do everything possible to help where there is a  
need, and to ensure that they may enjoy the years that lie ahead in  
comfort and dignity and contentment.**

### **Blessing**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the  
Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to  
us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**