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PRAYERS

BEREAVEMENT

Father, our hearts and our minds remember those who have lost their lives whilst serving in the military.

We ask Father, that you give your strength and comfort to those who grieve and know the pain of loss.

During times of feeling alone and shattered by loss please shine your light and peace into their hearts. In the darkest times, please bring hope.

In Jesus Name.

Amen.

PEACE

Lord, in a world peppered with conflict, unrest and violence we pray that your peace would break through. Soften the hearts of those who perpetrate injustice, set free the prisoners of war and build up those whose struggle is for peace.

Your Son Jesus Christ was the Prince of Peace; give to us Lord your Holy Spirit that we would use our strength and energy in the battle for peace.

Give us courage Lord to wear the shoes of peace that your gospel would be proclaimed as we tread the path set before us.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray.

Amen.

SERVING MILITARY

Let us pray for all those of our armed forces serving at sea, under the sea, in the air and on the land. Whether serving at home or overseas, be ever present with them and their families and friends.

Give them courage in danger, energy in times of routine and boredom, peace in their separation and assurance of your presence and guidance at all times.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



SACRIFICE

Sovereign Lord, we thank you for the bravery of those who have fought the fight even to the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives for our nation.

You led by your own example demonstrating that Greater Love means to put your life on the line for your friends. Real love in sacrifice means that we are your friends when we do the things you command us. You taught us to love one another.

We honour those who have gone before us in the laying down of their lives. May we always remember them.

We ask this in the Mighty & Victorious Name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

(based on John 15:13)

REMEMBERING

Heavenly Father, as time passes by, it's so easy to forget. Help us to:

Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.

Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were killed.

Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.

Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.

Remember with respect those who risked their lives for peace.

In a few minutes of silence we remember family members, friends and people of all walks of life, who courageously and faithfully serve or have served in the armed forces.

Help us to never forget that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for each and every one of us so that we can be free.

In the mighty name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.



FOR OUR LEADERS

Intro

We join together today to fulfil one of Paul's first commands to Timothy in 1 Timothy 2: 1-2:

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour.”

Here we have Paul instructing Timothy from inside a Roman prison, where he was chained like an animal, cut off from the outside world, facing imminent execution, not knowing which day would be his last - yet he urges Timothy to ‘first of all’ pray for those in authority. In his case that would have been the very people who put him in prison in the first place.

Prayer

Lord we thank you for our leaders, we thank you that you have appointed them to lead over this nation. We ask that it would be Your Word and Spirit guiding them to lead just as Jesus did. I ask that you would raise up godly leaders who fear and follow you no matter what the cost.

We pray for peace in this world, and an end to conflicts both home and abroad. Have mercy on those caught up in conflict and war - deliver them from evil.

Let Your Kingdom come.

Let Your will be done, in this nation as it is in heaven.

We ask you in the name that is above every name, the name of our Captain, Brother, Rescuer and Friend:

JESUS.

Amen.