



Response – Remembrance, Year B

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The Intercessions

As we come to God with prayers for others and for ourselves,
Let us remember the reading from Micah.
Let us imagine ourselves as part of that great company,
Streaming up the hill to God's house,
In order to learn more of Him.

Lord, we pray for all those who are going to church today;
For those worshipping in large numbers;
For those gathered together in twos and threes;
For other churches in this area;
For service personnel meeting in temporary chapels,
And for the chaplains who serve them;
For groups who are meeting at war memorials today.

May Your church always be a place
Where peace is celebrated,
And Your ways are taught.
Lord, You are our God,
And in You we put our trust.

As we think of those crowds of people in the reading,
Let us think of God judging between many peoples.

Lord, we pray for the world's nations.
We know that peace can be a very fragile thing.
Violence can easily break out,
People who should be friends and neighbours turn upon one another,
And those who try to keep the peace get caught up in fighting.

We thank You for peace-makers;
For those who sit around conference tables
And try to make agreements;
For those who work amongst people,
Trying to build good relations.
Protect them, and help their work to bear fruit.
Show us how we can be peace-makers
In our homes, at work or school,
And in our churches.
Lord, You are our God,
And in You we put our trust.

As we think of that promise that one day there will be no more war,
We think about those whose work takes them into danger.

Lord, we pray for our own servicemen and women,
And for their families waiting anxiously at home;
For the Royal British Legion,
And charities such as Hope for Heroes.
We pray for doctors and nurses working on the front line,
And for those at home,
Dealing with terrible injuries.

Give them courage, patience and compassion.
Lord, You are our God,
And in You we put our trust.

As we remember the promise that no one shall make Your people afraid,
We think of those caught up in violence,
Whose life is one of fear.

Lord, we pray for those for whom violence has become a fact of life.
For children,
Taken from their homes at a young age
And forced to be soldiers.
We pray for those who suffer violence at home behind closed doors,
At the hands of friends or family.

Be with them all,
And bless the efforts of those who seek to transform their situations.
Lord, You are our God,
And in You we put our trust.

As we think once more of that crowd,
Again we picture ourselves as part of it.

Lord, we are Your people,
But each one of us is known to You by name
And we all have a part to play.
Show us what You want us to do
So that we may play our part
In changing Your world.
Lord, You are our God,
And in You we put our trust.
Amen

An offering prayer

Generous God,
Jesus gave all that He had for us.
We now bring our gifts
As tokens of all that we have and are.
Take all that we offer today,
And use it so that many more people
May come to know the generous love of our Lord Jesus.
In His name we pray.

Amen.

A blessing

Gracious God,
As we go out into the world,
May we go in the confidence
That there is nothing in all creation
That can separate us from Your love in Jesus.
The Blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Suggested Songs

For the healing of the nations, Fred Kaan, HP 402, RAS 620, CP 427, STF 696
(*Tunes: 8 7 8 7 8 7, Alleluia Dulce Carmen, Cwm Rhondda, Dunbar
(Barret-Ayres), Grafton, Manheim, Northam, Oriel, Picardy, St
Columbanus, Stretton, Triumph (Gauntlett), Westminster Abbey (Purcell)*)
O God, our help in ages past, Isaac Watts, SOF 415, MP 498, HP 358, STF 132,
RAS 705, CP 537, Video
(*Tunes: CM, Irish, St Anne*)

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