

## **Aids to private prayer on Remembrance Day.**

### **Psalm 121**

#### **A Song of Ascents.**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

#### **The Coventry Cathedral prayer of Reconciliation**

*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

*Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

#### **Intercessions - Remember in your prayers**

- Those who have given their lives in active service
- Those whose families are alone as they serve overseas in the armed forces
- Those who make decisions for peace or war

- Those who continue to feel the effects of violence and war
- Those who make money from the arms trade
- Leaders of the nations, The United Nations, Peace makers
- Peace in our community and city

#### **For those who have died**

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot 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.

#### **For those who are on active service**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who are in active service: in ..... (name countries) and elsewhere.

As we honour their commitment and courage, strengthen our nation, our leaders that they may work towards justice and peace.

We put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **For peoples who still suffer violence and deprivation as a result of war**

Lord, have mercy on those who mourn, those who feel numb and crushed or angry, those still experiencing trauma and whose strength has given up. You know all their sighing and longings: be near to them, give them the security and comfort they need. Teach us to be thankful for our peaceful nation and enable us to work to show your comfort and for your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

#### **A collect for Peace.**

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.