

Prayers for use on the 75th anniversary of VE Day

An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage;
give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.**

O Lord our God,
as we remember, teach us the ways of peace.
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,
help us to make your future in this world,
until your kingdom come.
Amen.

Collect for Peace

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for the Sovereign

Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people,
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 us and remain with us always.
Amen.