

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 11th November 2022

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Remembering and peace making

Today, we remember those who have died and been injured in the cause of defending freedom and we also remember those who were close to them, both in this country and around the world.

May we lament the destruction that war has brought through history, to soldiers, civilians - adult and children, animals and all of creation.

May we pray for all those who put their lives at risk to stand against aggression and violence.

May we pray for the leaders of the world, that they will pursue peace and that justice, equality, prosperity and goodwill for all people will abound.

May the plans and schemes that create conflict and war be frustrated, be shown for what it is and be remembered no more.

Blessed may be the peacemakers, throughout the world, whatever religion or creed they profess, or don't profess, that they and their efforts will bear fruit.

May they be remembered forever.

And may we prayerfully dedicate our selves to play our part in making all that happen. As the song says -

Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9