



ANZAC REMEMBRANCE PRAYER

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Hymn

'Hymn for ANZAC' (Murray/Gibson)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR3d11ITCVs>

Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,
honour our children, left in foreign grave,
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,
honour the crosses marked forever ours.

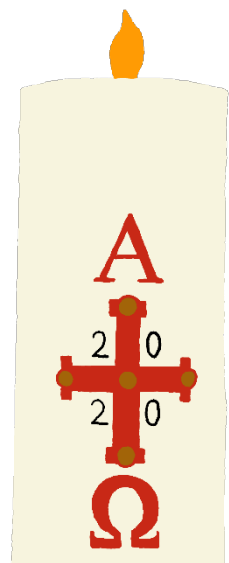
Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,
weep for the powers of violence and greed,
weep for the deals done in the name of need.

Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,
answered no bugle, went against the wall,
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,
branded as cowards, in our country's name.

Weep for the waste of all that might have been,
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,
weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled,
held now in trust to justify the dead,
honour their vision on this solemn day:
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

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Leader *(lighting the candle)*

Praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim the Most High all you peoples; for great is God's love for us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

All We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Leader

Today we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. We remember all who died, both friend and foe, and those who lived to return home, bearing the scars of war in their bodies, in their emotions and in their lives.

Pray Together

God of all things, all times, all people,
we are grateful for the sacrifices made by the ANZACs.
God of earth and heaven,
on your world the sun rises and sets on every nation;
we commend to you our innocent sisters and brothers
who suffer through warfare and violence.
Be with them now; be their strength and their hope.

A Reading from Isaiah 9:1-6

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time God brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time God has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of our burden,
and the staff on our shoulder,
the rod of our oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon]his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader

Let us pause in silence for a minute of respect and remembrance.





Prayers

Please speak your own intercessions. You might like to share a memory of your own family members or friends who have served their country.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

God of the southern sea and of these islands,
of Māori, Pākehā, and of all who dwell in our land;
we give you thanks and praise for our country,
and for what we have achieved together.
Increase our trust in one another;
strengthen our quest for justice and peace,
and bring us to unity and a common purpose.
You have made us of one blood;
make us also of one mind.
Amen

E te Atua o te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa,
me ēnei motu, o te iwi Māori, te iwi Pākehā,
me rātou katoa e noho nei i tēnei wāhi.
Ka whakamoemiti,
ka whakawhetai ki a koe mō tēnei whenua o mātou;
mō ngā mea pai katoa kua whiwhi tahi nei mātou.
Whakanuia tō mātou aroha tētahi ki tētahi,
whakakahangia tō mātou whai i te tika
kia kotahi ai mātou i runga i te whakaaro kotahi.
Kua hanga matou e koe hei toto kotahi;
i raro i tēnei whakaaro kotahi.
Āmine.

The Lord's Prayer

Everyone prays this together

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tatou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

E tō mātou Matua (sung Our Father with words)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlyK7c_Az8g



Sign of Peace

Leader Grateful for the freedom that we know today,
let us offer each other a Sign of Peace.

Dismissal

Leader Let us dare to believe in a new humanity – a world where justice and peace will flourish.

All Thanks be to God!

Together the national anthems are sung or if not possible then recited.

National Anthem of New Zealand

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6qmdqvltkM>

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa

Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.

Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

National Anthem of Australia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8tswkr25A0>

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty, rich and rare
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of the lands
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair

REFLECTION

For the Fallen, by Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.



They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night.

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

