

# *Remembrance*

*for use in a Congregational Setting*



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# Act of Remembrance

The following is a suggested insert to an order of service if a congregation wants to have a time dedicated to an act of remembrance. Many older congregations have a roll of honour in them of men who died in times of war, it is recommended that those names be read out during the "Reading of the Honour Roll". If your congregation doesn't have an honour roll, but you would like to have a "Reading of the Honour Roll" it would be suitable to read the names from families within the congregation who had died in war.

At the "3. Reading of the Honour Roll", it would be appropriate to invite members of the congregation to bring a poppy forward and lay it somewhere prominent. Theological and pastoral consideration should be given if the poppies are to be laid on the communion table. Though this may seem significant if the congregation is celebrating communion it would be more appropriate to have a small display set up for the poppies to be placed, so as not to draw from the central importance of communion.

## Remembrance

1. Hymn
2. Prayer of Remembrance  
Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
we remember with thanksgiving  
those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war.  
We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.  
May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves  
to the cause of justice, freedom and peace;  
and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world,  
for the honour and glory of your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
3. Reading of the Honour Roll
4. The Ode  
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.  
**We will remember them.**
5. Last Post
6. Silence
7. Rouse
8. The Lord's Prayer
9. Hymn



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# Prayers

## For the Navy

Father in Heaven,  
we pray for all who serve in the Royal Australian Navy.  
Protect them by your powerful hand  
in the uncertainties of the sea and the dangers of war.  
May they experience the security of your loving care.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eternal God, creator of the heavens and ruler of the raging seas,  
take under your powerful protection  
and bless all members of the Royal Australian Navy.  
Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and air,  
and the violence of the enemy,  
and so strengthen us that we may faithfully serve our Sovereign,  
and the people of the Commonwealth of Australia.  
With the help of others who love freedom,  
may we be able to ensure security for all those  
who lawfully navigate the seven seas,  
and by our effort maintain for people  
the possibility of serving you in peace  
and justice all through their lives.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## For The Army

God our Father protect and guide the men and women  
of the Australian Army in peace and war.  
Give to those in positions of authority  
wisdom in their decisions and concern for those under their command.  
Give to all of us an understanding of our responsibilities  
and the courage to fulfil them.  
Father, make us proud of our country.  
Give us success in preserving the peace we have enjoyed in the past,  
so that our descendants might enjoy Australia in the future.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God,  
strengthen and protect all who serve in the Australian Army,  
and grant them your blessing.  
May they work together in a spirit of loyalty, courage and friendship.  
Fill them with high ideals,  
and inspire them with a spirit of love and goodwill for all mankind.  
We make this prayer through him who died in the service of others,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**



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### **For the Royal Australian Air Force**

Father in Heaven,  
we pray for all who serve in the Royal Australian Air Force.  
May they be courageous and skilful in overcoming difficulties  
and always be aware of your guiding hand and sustaining spirit.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **For Our Enemies**

Almighty God,  
Your Son Jesus, as he died on the cross prayed for his enemies;  
teach us to forgive, as Jesus forgave.  
Help us to repair the damage we have done to each other,  
and help us to live in peace,  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, have mercy on all who face us as enemies.  
Have mercy on their faults and ours.  
Change our hearts and make us live better lives  
so that we may be saved souls in heaven together,  
to live and love with you and all your blessed saints forever.  
Glorious and Holy Trinity,  
grant us this through the bitter passion of our dear Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. **Amen**



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### **Prayer of Intercession**

Loving Father, who gives life to all,  
we entrust to your keeping those who have died in the service of this  
country.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer from the effects of war; grant them your peace  
and healing strength;  
and for those who in sadness recall lives lost; grant them comfort in the  
hope of resurrection. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we be inspired by the determination of those who have served in the  
fight  
for freedom, justice and peace.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Give your  
Spirit of peace to all people  
and remove from them the spirit that makes for war,  
that all may live as members of your family.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Word of Mission**

As you leave this place remember  
those who you have never meet,  
but sacrificed everything for your freedom.  
Whoever you meet,  
wherever you travel,  
speak words of God's love and peace.

### **Word of Mission**

As pilgrims of reconciliation  
on the way to the promised end,  
may the sailors and soldiers and aircrew  
of the great wars, who sacrificed so much  
for neighbours and for strangers,  
be an example.  
May you be instruments of Christ  
to work and bear witness to himself.



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**Blessing**

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts we may demonstrate in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Blessing**

God grant grace to the living,  
rest to the departed.  
Peace, unity and concord be granted  
to the Church, the Queen,  
to Australia and to all people.  
To us and all of Jesus' disciples  
be granted life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all  
and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



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## Hymn Suggestions

Following is a short list of hymns for use on Remembrance Sunday including the TIS numbering.

This is the day (368)  
A new commandment (699)  
All people that on earth do dwell (59)  
Make me a channel of your peace (607)  
There is a green hill far away (350)  
Brother, sister let me serve you (650)  
Just as I am (584)  
Thank you (162)  
What a friend we have in Jesus (590)  
Immortal Invisible (143)  
Be thou my vision (547)  
May the mind of Christ my saviour (609)  
Shout to the lord (738)  
We all believe (435)  
Sing to the Lord a new song (57)  
How deep the riches of our God (167)  
Bring many names (182)  
Battle Hymn (315)  
Soldiers of Australia (reproduced below)



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## **Soldiers of Australia (to the tune of Waltzing Matilda)**

(Chaplain Jim Cosgrove, J. De Corrado)

Soldiers of Australia  
gathered now to worship God  
under the badge of the Rising Sun;  
Giving thanks for our country, our families, our freedom,  
let hearts and voices arise as one.

*(Refrain)*

*God of Salvation,*

*Guide of our Nation, you give us strength to follow your ways;*

*With the Cross raised so high, shining bright across our  
southern sky,*

*We'll serve Australia through all our days.*

Soldiers of Australia  
ready to be called to serve  
training together we strive for peace;  
when at home or away through the darkest night or longest day,  
we trust God's guidance will never cease.

*(Refrain)*

Soldiers of Australia  
gathered as God's family,  
brothers and sisters stand side by side;  
through our God we are one as we do the work that must be done,  
courage and friendship will be our pride.

*(Refrain)*

Soldiers of Australia  
have bought our freedom with their lives,  
they grow not old as we grow old;  
at the setting of the sun and also in the morning,  
we shall remember their deeds so bold.

*(Refrain)*



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