

Remembrance within a Eucharistic Rite

The Act of Remembrance may be used in three positions in the Liturgy, depending on time.

1. *At the start, after or instead of the prayers of penitence. The Remembrance and Commemoration should be said. The Commitment should be used as Prayer after Communion.*
2. *In the centre of the liturgy, instead of the Prayers of Intercession. In those Rites with a central offering of the Peace, this becomes the natural conclusion of The Remembrance. The Commitment should be used as the Prayer after Communion.*
3. *At the end of the Liturgy – the Act of Remembrance and The Commitment lead naturally into the conclusion of the whole act of worship.*

This Post Communion collect may be used by the celebrant or said altogether using the “our” form.

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the (*our*) hands that have taken holy things;
may the (*our*) ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the (*our*) tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the (*our*) eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the (*our*) bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.

REMEMBRANCE

Resources for Remembrancetide
for use at Military Parades and Veterans' Services
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for internal use.

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The 1968 order on a single sheet edited for military parade use.
The 2005 order on a single sheet as published for civic use.
The 2005 order on a single sheet edited for military parade use.
A short order for use at 11 o'clock silence on November 11th,
or for use at a War Memorial or Chapel of Remembrance.
A full order which places the Act of Remembrance at the end of the
service. This is to be preferred when there is no need to meet an 11
o'clock target, and is particularly suited to Veterans' Association
Services, Regimental or Corps Day Celebrations.

*These orders are models for illustrative use.
Only hymns out of copyright have been used.*

*The main text and the pull-out resources may be down loaded from:
www.oremus.org/labarum/remembrance*

RACHD Collect

Blessed God, who has committed the glorious Gospel to our trust, have mercy upon the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, and grant that we may never glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, but in all things may approve ourselves as *your* ministers, through the same *your* Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

But if there have been fatalities the above prayer may be omitted, and the litany continued into an Act of Remembrance

For those who mourn. . .
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.]**

For those who have died in the conflict
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.]**

BE

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.

All **We will remember them.**

(The Last Post)

The Silence.

(The Reveille).

All powerful and ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence:
grant that we, being faithful till death,
may receive with them the crown of life that never fades,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Litany for Troops in Danger

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the people of God,
that they may worship you in spirit and in truth,
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of justice, mercy and truth,
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peacemakers, that you may protect them from all evil,
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For our loved ones, wherever they may be
and for those who wear the Queen's uniform (on our behalf),
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you may turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and wounded,
and for all prisoners and captives,
that they may know your power to heal and save,
let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2005

As Published by The Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

GATHERING

All gather in silence

The presiding minister reads one or more of the following sentences:

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121.1-2

This I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

The presiding minister continues:

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Comfort all worried families, whose loved ones are in danger:
surround them with your love, protect them from all harm.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Be with the sick and wounded, stand by all prisoners and
captives: let your mercy be shown to all, and your power to heal
and save.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Receive those fallen in battle, and all innocents who have died:
surround their loved ones with compassion, and give them a
patient faith.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Confirm what is founded on truth,
and establish your love in our hearts;
that justice may abound on the Earth,
and all peoples rejoice in your peace.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The litany may end with the Lord's Prayer,
or else this or some other collect.*

Lord our God,
our sure stronghold,
hear the voice of our pleading
and deliver us from every evil.
Strengthen us as we strive for the poor and oppressed,
and establish your justice in all the earth. **Amen.**
BE Ending from CW Collect on Psalm 140

A litany for the Armed Forces.

Holy God, the protector of all who trust in you:
Grant to the Armed Forces of the Crown,
and all who seek you,
the assurance of your presence,
the knowledge of your love,
and the guidance of your spirit.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations:
let your mercy rule all that we do.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Be with all who defend your truth and your peace,
that we may vanquish injustice and wrong.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Give wisdom to leaders and commanders,
that they may be a force for good on the Earth.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
In your wisdom embrace our enemies,
and those who wish us harm:
turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Be with all medics and chaplains,
and all who support the suffering:
give them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Sustain the anxious and fearful,
and renew them with courage from on high.
Lord, hear us.

REMEMBERING

An older person says:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

A younger person may reply:

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm:

We will remember them.

*The beginning of the two-minute silence
may be signaled*

Silence

*The completion of the silence
may be signaled*

The following prayer is said:

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace
calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following hymn, or another that similarly expresses hope in God and trust for the future, may be sung:

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

A Prayer that the Will of God may prevail.

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Lord God, Sovereign over all, bring in the day of the splendour of your kingdom and draw the whole world into willing obedience to your reign. Cast out the evil things that cause war, and send your Spirit to rule the hearts of people in righteousness and love. Repair the desolations of many generations, that the wilderness may rejoice, and the city be made glad with your law. Confirm every work that is founded on truth, and fulfil the desires and hopes of your people, through the victory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Guidance and Protection

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

God of light and love, in your tender compassion you sent your Son to shine on those who sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Grant us, in our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do. By your Spirit of wisdom, save us from false choices. And since it is by your light that we are enlightened, lead us and protect us, and give us a straight path to follow, that we may neither stumble nor fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Forces of the Crown

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Almighty God, in you alone we find safety and peace. We commend to your gracious keeping all the men and women who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety. Defend them day by day by your heavenly power; and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care. Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the victims of war

From a prayer of St Anselm (1033-1109)

God of love, whose compassion never fails; we bring before you the griefs and perils of peoples and nations; the necessities of the homeless; the helplessness of the aged and weak; the sighings of prisoners; the pains of the sick and injured; the sorrow of the bereaved. Comfort and relieve them, O merciful Father, according to their needs; for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Social Justice and Responsibility

From Common Worship of the Church of England

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom that all your people may find their security in that love which casts out fear and in the fellowship revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

The reader says:

Hear these words from the New Testament

Either one or more of the following are read:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

[No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13 Added to official text]

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

or the following is read:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:1-12

For protection

O Father, your power is greater than all powers.

O Son, under your leadership we cannot fear anything.

O Spirit, under your protection there is nothing we cannot overcome.

A prayer of the Kikuyu, Kenya

For the rule of God to be established

Your kingdom come, O Lord, with deliverance for the needy, with peace for the righteous, with overflowing blessing for all nations, with glory, honour and praise for the only Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CW Psalm 72

Formal Prayers

A Prayer for the Peace of the World

From Common Worship of the Church of England

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, 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 your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer in time of war

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

God of infinite mercy, we trust in your good purposes of peace for all your children. We pray for those who at this time face danger in the defence of justice. Watch over those in peril; support those who are anxious for loved ones; gather into your eternal purpose those who will die. Remove from the hearts of all people the passions that keep alive the spirit of war, and in your goodness restore peace among us; for the sake of the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Short Prayers

For the departed

Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just; and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away. **Amen**

Ignatius Loyola

For those who suffer

God of our joys and sorrows, comfort the exiled, console the oppressed and bring us in joy to our true home, where your faithful servants sing your praise. **Amen**

CW Psalm 137

For the leaders of the nations

Go before us, O Lord, with the blessings of your goodness and guide all those you call to authority in the way of your justice, the knowledge of your liberty and the wisdom of your gentleness. **Amen**

CW Psalm 21.

For faith

How generous is your goodness, O God, how great is your salvation, how faithful is your love. Help us to trust in you in trial, to praise you in deliverance and to rejoice before you with overflowing hearts. **Amen**

CW Psalm 66

For peace

God of our joy and gladness, hear our prayer for the peace of this world and bring us at last, with all our companions in faith, to the peace of that city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and to all eternity. **Amen**

CW Psalm 122

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer is led using either form of intercession below.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace

God give peace

for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace

God give peace

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace

God give peace

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace

God give peace

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

God give peace

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace
God give peace

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.
Amen.

Or else this form of intercession may be used

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the
ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces of the Crown, that they
may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you may turn
the hearts of all
to kindness and friendship.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stir up your power, O God,
and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears
and give us peace;
through Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**
CW Advent

Eternal God,
giver of love and peace,
you call your children to live together as one family.
Give us grace to learn your ways,
and to do your will,
that we may bring justice and peace to all people. **Amen.**
Methodist Worship: Ordinary Time (15)

Holy God,
you liberate the oppressed and make a way for salvation.
Unite us with all who cry for justice,
and lead us together into freedom;
through our Lord and Liberator, Jesus Christ. **Amen**
Methodist Worship: Ordinary Time (21)

God of righteousness,
you have taught us through your Son
to set our minds on your kingdom and justice before all things.
Grant that in us and in others
suspicion may give place to trust,
and stridency to peace,
that we may live and work together in unity and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
BCO

Extra Resources

Not published with either Official Order.

Alternative Biddings

We are met this day
to glorify God who sustains the world;
To remember with thanksgiving
those who lived and died
in the service of our country;
and to ask for God's help and blessing
that we may be worthy of their sacrifice
each day of our life.

Book of Common Order

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
to remember those who have suffered in conflict, war and terror,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

CW Adapted BE

Opening or gathering prayers

Father of all mercies:
grant that our remembrance this day
may be consecrated for practical service
and the world made better
for our children's children.

BCO, adapted BE

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Most Holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace,
and all who yearn for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end,
to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

All join together in the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.**

Amen

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Representative and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

A hymn may be sung

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible
living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

THIS THANKSGIVING may be used.

We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our lives.

For the Queen and her family, and all who under her bear the responsibility of government:

Thanks be to God.

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of the Crown on sea and land and in the air:

Thanks be to God.

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who minister to those in need or distress:

Thanks be to God.

For the unity of our people within the Commonwealth:

Thanks be to God.

For the sacrifices made, especially in two world wars, whereby our peace has been preserved:

Thanks be to God.

For the Royal British Legion:

Thanks be to God.

THIS BLESSING may be used.

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

Service for Remembrance Sunday,

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ACT OF REMEMBRANCE (Alternative Form)

All stand while the minister says

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of mankind.

*The list of those to be remembered by name may then be read.
Then may be said*

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.

And all repeat

We will remember them.

*Here follows **The Silence**.
The Last Post and the Reveille may be sounded.*

Then the minister says

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;
fulfill in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed
in the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.
Amen

The National Anthem(s) are sung

The following blessing is used:

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
[or to the Church, the State] and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always.
Amen

*This order then reprints the Act of Penance, the Act of Commemoration and
the prayer after the silence from the 1968 order together with an
alternative intercession which, in this booklet, is included in the main
text.*

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 1968

As published in The Promise of His Glory

Remembrance Sunday is observed on the second Sunday in November, generally the Sunday nearest to 11 November.

Since 1968, a Service for Remembrance Sunday has been commended for general use by the Archbishops of Canterbury, of York, and of Wales, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council. This service was reissued in 1984 with modest updating of the language and a fresh choice of hymns. The 1984 text is set out below.

All stand while the minister reads

1 THE INTRODUCTION

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made; who loves us, though we have failed in his service; who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world; who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

2 HYMN

3 LESSON

4 HYMN

All say together

**Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all mankind,
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.**

12 THE LORD'S PRAYER

13 NATIONAL ANTHEM

14 BLESSING

This order has been prepared for use at any time on Remembrance Sunday, not necessarily when the Two Minutes Silence is observed. If it is used in the morning it can be so timed that the Act of Remembrance is reached at 11 a.m. without any alteration of the order. Alternatively, the Act of Remembrance may be taken out of the order and used first at 11 a.m. followed by the rest of the service. Where a brief observance is required, as at a War Memorial, the Act of Remembrance may be used, followed by the Act of Commitment, the Lord's Prayer, and the Blessing. If desired, the Act of Remembrance may take the form printed below.

10 ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All stand while the minister says

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of mankind.

*Here follows **The Silence.***

Then the minister says

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.**

11 ACT OF COMMITMENT

The minister, or some other person appointed, says

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.

5 ACT OF PENITENCE

The minister says

Let us confess to God
the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

After a short silence, all say

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister stands and says

Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6 INTERCESSION

Special intentions may be inserted at appropriate points.

The minister says

Let us pray for the peace of the world:
for statesmen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to know and
courage to do what is right ...

for all who work to improve international relationships, that they may
find the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour, and
creed ...

and for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and
freedom, and live in security and peace ...

Here follows a short silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace:
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on righteousness
may be established throughout the whole world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war:
for the injured and the disabled,
for the mentally distressed,
and for those whose faith in God and man has been
weakened or destroyed ...

for the homeless and refugees,
for those who are hungry,
and for all who have lost their livelihood and security ...
for those who mourn their dead,
those who have lost husband or wife,
children or parents,
and especially for those who have no hope in Christ
to sustain them in their grief ...

Here follows a short silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
infinite in wisdom, love, and power:
have compassion on those for whom we pray;
and help us to use all suffering
in the cause of your kingdom;
through him who gave himself for us on the cross,
Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

If there is a collection, it is taken during the hymn which follows.

7 HYMN

8 SERMON

9 HYMN