



**Introduction**

On the 11th day of November, Canadians throughout the country take some time to honour those men and women who were killed in two World Wars, the Korean War and United Nations Peace Keeping Missions. On Remembrance Day, most people will wear a poppy. This flower is worn to remind us of the many people who were killed because of war. It is our way to make sure that the brave Canadians who were killed are not forgotten and to do our very best to prevent future deaths by war. Today, we take the time to pray for a future filled with peace, love and freedom.

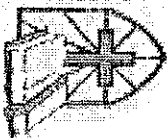
**Scripture Readings: John 14: 27-31**

Let us listen to the words from the Holy Gospel of John.

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.

You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.



The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer For Peace**

**Side 1:** We cannot merely pray to You, Oh God, to end war. For we know that You have made the world in a way that we must find our own path to peace within ourselves and with our neighbour.

**Side 2:** We cannot merely pray to You, Oh God, to end starvation; for You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world if we would only use them wisely.

**Side 1:** We cannot merely pray to You, Oh God, to end despair; for You have already given us the power to clear away slums and give people hope, if we would only use our power justly.

**Side 2:** We cannot merely pray to You, Oh God, to end disease; for you have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

**Side 1:** Therefore, we pray to You, instead, Oh God, for strength, determination and willpower, to do instead of just to pray, to become instead of merely to wish.

—Jack Reimer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us together pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

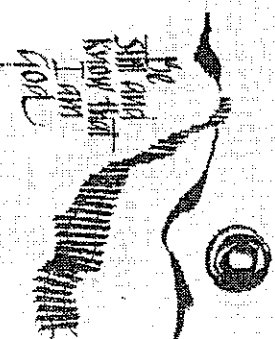
Our Father...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**



**Sign of Peace**

**Leader:** Jesus said to his apostles: I leave you peace, my peace; I give you. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.



In Flanders Fields

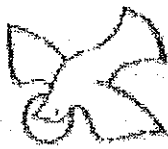
The Time was May 1915. In Flanders, the French and Belgian lands bordered by the North Sea... World War I raged for nearly a year. John McCrae, a Canadian medical officer, attended to the wounded soldiers during the Second Battle of Ypres. After losing a close friend, John McCrae wrote the touching poem, *In Flanders Fields*, describing the images of war, love, loss, and renewal that he witnessed during this time.

--Linda Granfield

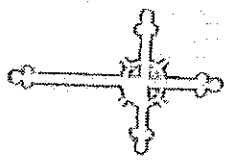
Reading of the poem *In Flanders Fields*  
by John McCrae

Closing Prayer

Spirit of God,  
move again over the waters  
Of your creation,  
Drawing life from the chaos.  
Bring reconciliation to the nations,  
Removing the bitterness,  
Greed and hatred  
That divide our hearts,  
Inspire the minds of all leaders  
With care for the needs of their people.



Let truth be standard  
As we seek to bring about  
A fair sharing of the goods of the earth.  
Help us to know you,  
The Father and Jesus,  
Calling to mind Jesus' words:  
"As often as you did it to one of these,  
The least of my brothers and sisters,  
You did it to me"



Help us also remember today  
And throughout the year  
To be at peace with ourselves  
And accept others as God made them. Amen.

--B. Arbour

Final Blessing

Let all the people on one side of the room turn towards the other side of the room and raise their hands in blessing.

Leader: Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.  
All: Amen

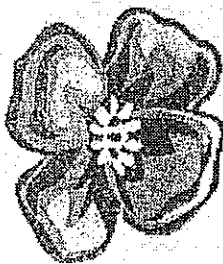
--Fish Blessing

ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE  
O CANADA

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Remembrance Day

Prayer Service



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders Fields.

--John McCrae