**Doorstep Remembrance 2020**

Because of Covid-19, there are requirements this year that attendance at publicly organised acts of remembrance is kept to a minimum.

To enable community remembrance in Suffolk, we encourage as many as possible to observe remembrance on your doorstep with two minutes silence at 11 o’clock on Remembrance Sunday. To help you, you could listen to the service broadcast on Radio Suffolk to help you or you can use this act of Remembrance adapted for personal or family use.

There is space for you to add names from your local war memorial. This act of remembrance could also be used inside at home and/or on 11 November at 11 o’clock.

**Preparing our hearts**

As you approach 11 o’clock you may find it helpful to read some of these sentences from the bible:

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

**Act of Remembrance**

I (We) stand in the presence of God.

to commit myself (ourselves) to work in penitence and faith

for reconciliation between the nations,

that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

I (We) come to pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain

continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

I (We) come to recall with thanksgiving and sorrow

those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts

past and present, have been given and taken away.

You may wish to place a symbol of remembrance such as a poppy, or if inside, you could light a candle. Then read out the names of any you wish to remember.

Finally say

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.

*Respond/ Repeat:* **We will remember them.**

**Two minutes silence**

*At the completion of the silence, say the Kohima Epitaph:*

When you go home tell them of us and say,

for your tomorrow we gave our today.

*Pray:*

Ever-living God

I (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 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.

**Prayer of hope and commitment**

Lord God our Father,

I pledge myself (we pledge ourselves) to serve you and all humankind,

in the cause of peace,

for the relief of want and suffering,

and for the praise of your name.

Guide me (us) by your Spirit;

give me (us) wisdom; give me (us) courage; give us hope;

and keep us faithful now and always. **Amen**.

The words on this sheet have been adapted for personal and home use from those of the free remembrance service of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. (ctbi.org.uk).

Further copies are available from [www.light-wave.org/suffolk-in-prayer](http://www.light-wave.org/suffolk-in-prayer) and are editable so names from local war memorials can be inserted more easily.



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