

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Family Prayer Ritual for ANZAC Day

We Gather

Sign of the Cross
Lighting of Candle



Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray ...

All: God of love and liberty,
we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.
It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those
who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,
but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus
and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



We Listen

Scripture Reading

Reader: *A reading from the Gospel of John (Jn 12: 23-24)*

Jesus replied,

“Now the hour has come
for the Chosen One to be glorified.

The truth of the matter is,
unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.”

In the words of Pope Francis, we hope for peace across the world.

"Setting out on a journey of peace is a challenge made all the more complex because the interests at stake in relationships between people, communities and nations, are numerous and conflicting. We must first appeal to people's moral conscience and to personal and political will. Peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities.

The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for. In the first place, this means believing in the possibility of peace, believing that others need peace just as much as we do. Here we can find inspiration in the love that God has for each of us: a love that is liberating, limitless, gratuitous and tireless."

Pope Francis - Message for the [53rd World Day of Peace](#), 1 January 2020



Sharing

Leader: What connections can you see resonating in these two readings?



We Respond

A time of Silent Remembrance

Recitation of 'The Ode'

All: 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.

Lest we forget!

The Ode comes from For the Fallen, a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binon and was published in London in The Winnowing Fan: Poems of the Great War in 1914. This verse, which became the Ode for the Returned and Services League, has been used in association with commemoration services in Australia since 1921.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Let us pray ...

All: God of our Mothers and Fathers,
we pray for the peace of the world.

We especially entrust to your mercy the homeless and refugees;
those who have been dispossessed through war;
those whose lives and families have been disrupted;
and who mourn the loss of loved ones.

We pray for countries who are war-torn even today.

May sanity return and kindness win through wherever there is warfare.

We ask our prayers through Jesus Christ. Amen



We Go Forth

Blessing

Dismissal

Sign of Peace

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