



1st July – Act of Remembrance Prayer

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we gather on this 1st July to give you thanks and praise for the service and sacrifice of the 36th Ulster Division at the Battle of the Somme.

We give thanks for their courage and commitment in battle and honour the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice; may their heroic actions continue to inspire us in this day and generation.

Lord we remember with pride all those who rallied to the cause of freedom, not least our Orange Brethren and Sisters. We couple their memory with all who have fought in the name of truth, freedom and justice over the years, remembering and giving thanks for the hardships they suffered for this and future generations.

Lord we ask your blessing and protection on all those who continue to serve, be with the men and women of Her Majesties Forces presently serving around the world.

As we thank you for the freedoms we enjoy through the sacrifice of others, may we as your people be ever mindful of the freedom in Christ which is ours when we claim your gift of salvation. Gracious God help us be a people who love justice, resist evil, and love our neighbours as ourselves, open our eyes to recognize those who need our help and may we respond to that need in your strength.

Lord we pray that there may be peace in this world - the abiding peace that comes from an equal sharing of what this earth affords. For the peace that comes from caring for others, for the peace that comes from tolerance and trust. But most of all for the peace that comes when we place You first in our lives, guide us Lord in the ways of this peace we pray.

We ask all these things in the name of the one and only true mediator between man and God, your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen