



Act of Remembrance 2020

We gather at this memorial to remember those who served and those who fought and died in the cause of freedom in two world wars and other conflicts since. We especially recall those Brethren and Sisters from the worldwide Orange family who faithfully served King and Empire - Queen and Country when called upon to do so.

In our remembrance, let us also recall the sacrifice of Jesus Christ: the one who gave us life and conquered death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Remembrance Prayer:

(Supplied by the Grand Chaplains)

Lord God Almighty we bow in Your holy presence in worship and in praise. We know that You are the one true living God who is King of kings and Lord of lords. We thank You for Your great love for us and for all the many blessings You shower on us each day. We praise You for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ and for the truth of Scripture which tells why Jesus came. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

On this sombre day we come to remember. Lord we remember, with thankful hearts, all those who have served, and still in serve, in the Forces of the Crown with courage and faithfulness. We remember all those who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in two World Wars and countless other conflicts. We also think of all who have been murdered as they sought to protect us from the evils of terrorism throughout our nation and especially here in Northern Ireland. We think of the members of the Security Forces and other innocent victims of terrorism and Lord we especially remember the members of the Orange Institution who gave their lives.

Father God we pray for the victims and survivors of war and terror. For many families who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones even after many years. We pray for the injured those who have scars in mind and body which are a constant witness to their suffering. Lord, may they know the peace and presence of God in their hearts and lives each and every day.

Lord we pray for our Sovereign Lady, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and we thank you for her devotion to her duty. We pray for those who continue to defend our land against the forces of evil. May You protect them from danger and grant success in their work to provide our land with peace and security.

Lord, the civil and religious liberty which we all enjoy has been bought at a great price, help us never to take it for granted and may this be our daily resolve – We will remember them.

We offer this our prayer in the precious Name of our Saviour, Jesus. AMEN.

Let us fall silent as we honour the service and sacrifice of this and previous generations through this Act of Remembrance.

***"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."***

LAST POST
(If bugler available)

Silence

REVEILLE
(if bugler available)

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

WREATH LAID
(A musician, if available, will play suitable music as the wreath is laid)

Benediction

The National Anthem

NB.

- No more than 15 persons are permitted to be in attendance
- Strict social distancing to be observed at all times
- No parades to be organised before or after the Act of Remembrance
- It is recommended Acts of Remembrance are not advertised, to avoid spectators gathering