

Reverend Chris Jamieson of St. Peter's Church, Belmont, shared these prayers for Remembrance Day 11.11.20:

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.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace. For service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known by God. May God give peace.

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Let us pray for those who love them in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss. May God give peace.

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Let us pray for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

May God give peace.

Let us pray for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity. May God give peace.

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Let us pray for peace-makers and peace-keepers who seek to keep this world secure and free. May God give peace.

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Let us pray for all who will bear the burden and privilege of leadership; political, military and religious; asking for the gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace.

We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to dawn@walmsleyparish.org

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Prayers for w/c 15 November

Christ Church & St Andrew's
Walmsley Bromley Cross



Taken from reflections on a much-loved hymn: 'For all the Saints', shared by Canon Peter Reiss

God has not changed and his promises are no different; God is with us to weep with us, hold us, and gently remind us that the world at this time needs signs of his light and love even more.

As the saints on earth, or the 'Church militant', as the Prayer Book puts it, contending for the faith now, not "triumphant", resting from our toils, it is our task to be salt, light, a witness to the love of God. And to be those who keep the memory and truth of God alive (always remembering that God's Spirit is actually the one who will keep that memory alive, that Christ is the light that the darkness cannot overcome).

And the hymn ends with the great promise of "From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!"

Let us hear the triumph-song, the song of the angels, the song of the saints ...and may our hearts be brave and our arms strong again, for God is with us and God will be with us, and we are with God and will be for ever.

These prayers were to given at the Intercessions this coming Sunday at Christ Church Walmsley by Angie Foster:

We pray today for peace in our world and in our homes and hearts so that we may live and work together in a spirit of peace and harmony. Remind us all that we share your world with others, many less fortunate than we are and who may be resentful. Help us to understand their frustration which often expresses itself in violence and anger. Purify the minds and attitudes of men and women in leadership so that the world may know the peace of Christ, without which society loses its direction and ignores our deep desire for calm and stability.

Dear Lord, You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; help us to work in his name. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us our families and friends and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us. Help us to make our homes patterns of your love, places of mutual trust and forgiveness, places of true sharing and caring, places of deep joy and peace, and unite us all, one to another in the circle of your love. Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn and ask that you bring joy and gladness instead of grief. Grant them the comfort of your presence. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and light a candle to symbolize the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope.

You turn our darkness into light.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Send us now to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. Lord of the Church, hear our prayers, and make us one in mind and heart to serve you in Christ our Lord. **Merciful Father: accept these prayers,**

for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A prayer from Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells:
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, sustain the dying, calm the suffering, and pity the distressed; all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Have mercy O God, on our hurting and fractured world.

Our world is torn by violence, but we do not strive for peace.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Too many suffer in body mind and spirit, and too often we are too slow to care.

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Too many are displaced, but we are reluctant to offer a home.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Wonderfully apt words in Bill Braviner's [#MorningPrayer](#) last week for Remembrance and when the USA elections were still being debated. Amen indeed!

Lord, as we make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone this day; hear our prayers for our Queen, for kings, and all in, or elected to, high positions: that they and we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and dignity.