

# War & Peace

Monday

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## REFLECTION

Yesterday, on the 11th day of the 11th month, the whole country stopped for two minutes silence at 11 o'clock, to remember those who have died for their country in the two World Wars, and in all the armed conflicts since then. Wisdom is found in knowing the value of life; in knowing that values such as freedom and dignity are sacred, God-given values; so sacred that they are worth dying for. And so let us thank God for the sacrifice which they have made, and pray that we too will be given the wisdom to know the value of life, and the courage to act upon such wisdom.

## PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who gave their lives in the cause of peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

**And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

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When we think of the Armed Forces of this country, we forget too easily that they are there to ensure we live in peace.

They exist to protect our freedom and the democratic values which we hold dear.

The witness of those who died defending this land should encourage us to ask ourselves what can we do, that can match their efforts, to bring peace and love and justice to our country? Can we give as much to bring about peace as they gave during the two World Wars?

Building peace starts at home.

What do we do to promote peace in families and in our school? It can take real courage to stand up for peace in the school playground or even in our own homes.

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Pope Francis has this to say on the subject of war and peace:-

*“Violence and war are never the way to peace!*

*Look to the Cross.*

*How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the Cross if only for a moment!*

*There, we can see God’s reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death.*

*In the silence of the Cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken.”*

## PRAYERS

Let us ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to pray for us, that we may find true peace on earth.

**Hail Mary....**

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THURSDAY ROSARY

*Rosary Intention for those who have died defending our country*

**THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY:  
THE CRUCIFIXION**

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. ”

*1x 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....*

*10x Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

*1x Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was...In the name...*

Friday  
FRIDAY PRAYER

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*by Patriarch Raphael I Sako of Baghdad*

Lord,  
The plight of our country is deep,  
and the suffering of Christians  
is severe and frightening.  
Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives,  
and to grant us patience, and courage  
to continue our witness of Christian values  
with trust and hope.

Lord, peace is the foundation of life;  
Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us  
to live with each other without fear and anxiety,  
and with dignity and joy.  
Glory be to you forever and ever. Amen.