

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep... For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (NIV)

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SACRIFICE AND HOPE

My grandfather had the sad task of collecting bodies during the Great War,, one of which was chosen for burial in the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey. There are four Bible verses inscribed around edges of the tomb, which speak to us about sacrifice and hope.

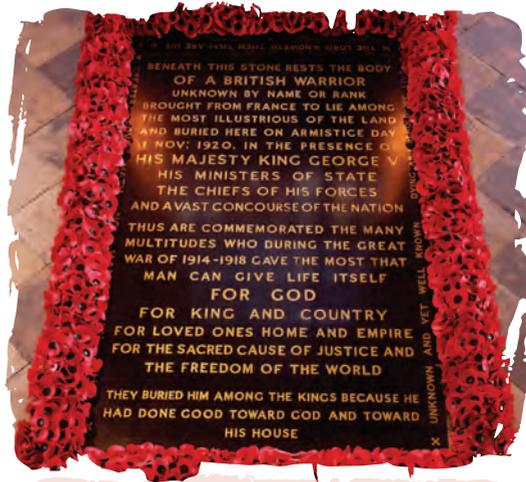
'Greater love hath no man than this' (John 15:13) is often quoted at Remembrance services. These are Jesus' words to his followers: 'My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' Jesus showed the extent of his love by dying on a Roman cross.

'In Christ shall all be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22) reminds us that death is not the end. Jesus died and rose again, so we too can have life beyond the grave.

'The Lord knoweth them that are his' (2 Timothy 2:19) helps us to understand why Jesus died. His death means we can know God personally, a fact reinforced by the fourth verse: 'Unknown and yet well known, dying and behold we live' (2 Corinthians 6:9).

These words, literally set in stone, remind us that we are known by a loving God who gave his Son so whoever believes in him will have eternal life with him.

May we also live sacrificially with that same resurrection hope.

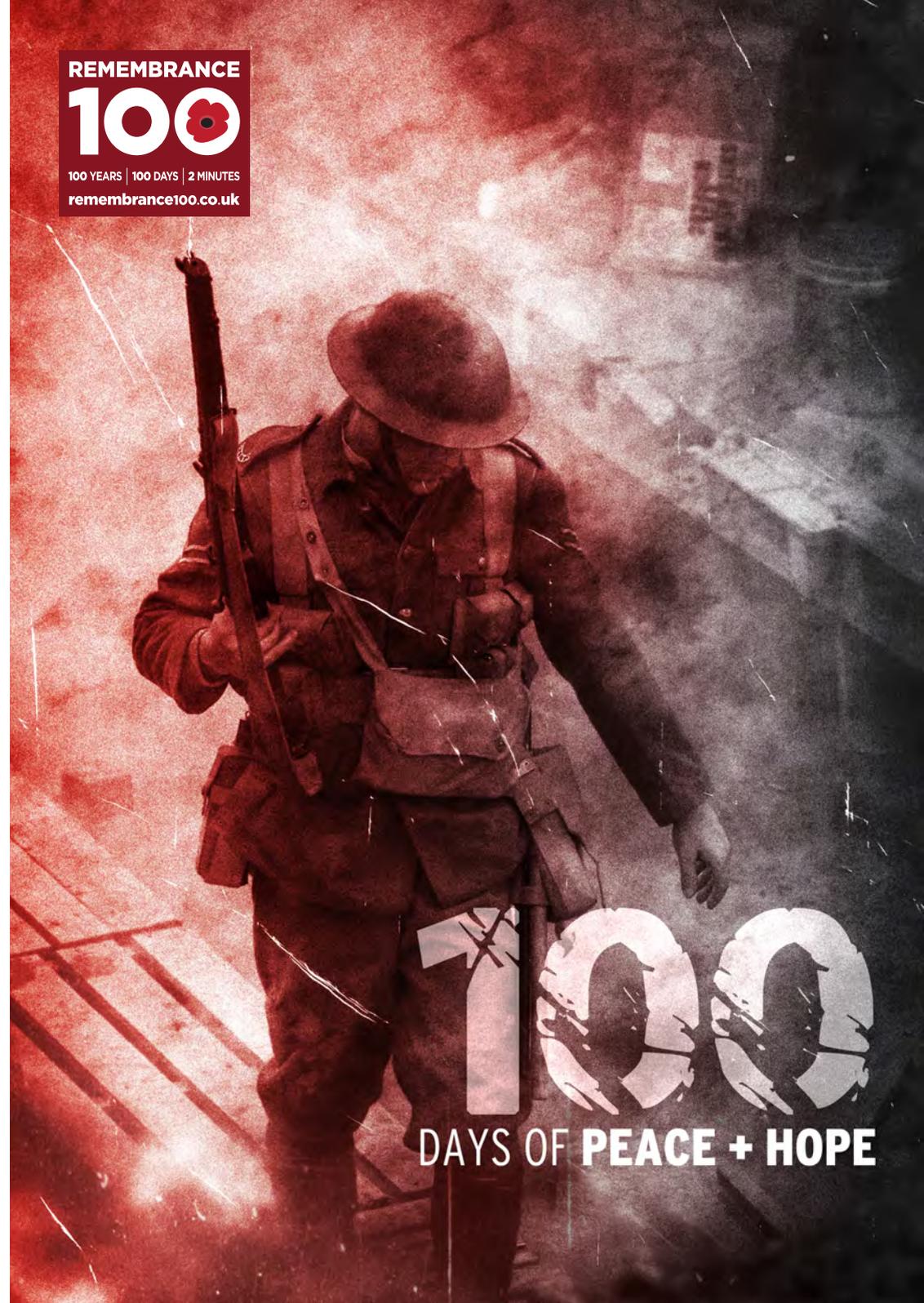


PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we grieve for those who have sacrificed their lives in so many wars, we thank you for the greatest sacrifice of all - your Son Jesus. Help us to live in the power of the resurrection today and every day, Amen

ACTION

We may not be required to give up our lives for our country, but how can we show God's love to our community? Giving our time, our money or our hospitality can be a sacrificial action. What will you give today?



INTRODUCTION

On 4 August 1918 King George V, the Queen's grandfather, met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament as part of a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later, the war ended.

We have compiled these 100

thoughts and prayers for peace, together with ideas to promote peace and reconciliation, to encourage churches, schools and communities to reflect on the past and bring hope for the future.

When we remember 1918, we reflect on a time of great hope and great sadness for our country. We recall our part in the horrors of war and the darkness that drives humanity to violence. But we also remember the promise of peace: On 4 August 1918, many in this country came together with King George V to pray for peace: 100 days later the Great War ended.

REMEMBRANCE & RECONCILIATION

Our God is one who brings peace to hearts and calls us not only to stop violence, but to seek reconciliation. His reconciliation asks that we disempower memories of destruction and their hold over individuals and societies. Through this we can learn to approach difference with curiosity and compassion, rather than fear – and begin to flourish together in previously unthinkable ways.

This kind of reconciliation is incredibly rare. Sadly, we see conflicts and fragile coexistence all around our world. That is why in the 100 days before this Remembrance Sunday, we think especially of those caught up in conflict, and those who pray for peace against all odds and act with hope when there is little light to be seen.

We know that the God who gave his Son to bring us reconciliation hears their prayers; we ask him to stir our hearts to join them in being peacemakers who cross the borders and barriers, radical in our generosity and welcome.

From 4 August let us mark 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation.

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We are grateful to the Archbishop of Canterbury and to the many Christian denominations, ministries and chaplaincies who have contributed these readings and prayers for peace as we continue to pray for peace in our time.

11th November.

These thoughts, prayers and peace-making actions can be used by individuals and groups at any time, but especially in the 100 days leading up to Armistice Day on

On 4 August 2018 churches across the country, across the spectrum of denominations, are starting 100 days of prayer, peace and reconciliation. We are calling this Remembrance 100. There are many ways in which you, your community, church or school can get involved. Here are a few key dates for your diary.

Saturday 4 August 2018

One hundred years on from a National Day of Prayer called by George V is the first day of 100 days of prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November. Every day there are prayers, reflections and Bible readings to download a week at a time from www.Remembrance100.co.uk

Friday 21 & Saturday 22 September 2018

Hold a peace festival linked to the United Nations' International Day of Peace and launch a Peace Awards competition.

Monday 5 November to Saturday 10 November

Schools are marking the centenary of the end of the First World War with a week of action for peace. School assembly ideas and lesson plans are available from www.Remembrance100.co.uk

Sunday 11 November 2018

Many Remembrance Services around the country will be followed by Peace Parties.

100
DAYS OF PEACE + HOPE



You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you... all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.
Isaiah 26:3-4 (NLT)

PERFECT PEACE

Pace is not dependant on what is going on around us, but on what is going on within. I have often struggled with times of fear or anxiety.

But, God always remains constant, faithful and in control. As I learned to look to him I could start to see the world from his perspective, and find his perfect peace.

PRAYER

Father, thank you that you are my rock, my resting place, that in all situations you are all that I need. I pray that I might always know that 'peace that passes all understanding' as I find my rest in you.
Amen

where I was truly able to put my trust in God.

For 20 years being in the army or married to someone in the army, meant I was often called to face my fears. One of my hardest times was when my husband was fighting in the Iraq war, and our baby son was born in his absence. It was hard to find that place of faith where I truly believed all would be well, where I was truly able to put my trust in God.