

# **The Prayers of the People**

## **Veterans' Day | Memorial Day | Armed Services**

*Leader:* Standing or kneeling, let us pray.

**Let us pray for all who suffer because of war and human sin, for all who have given their lives in the service of their country, and for all the needs of the world, saying: Lord, give us peace.**

**For the men and women of the armed services who have died in the violence of war, each dear to God and remembered in our hearts, we pray to the Lord. Lord, give us peace.**

**For all members of the armed forces who are in danger today, for their families and friends and all who pray for their safe return, we pray to the Lord. Lord, give us peace.**

**For civilian women, children and men, whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, and calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity, we pray to the Lord. Lord, give us peace.**

**For peacemakers and peacekeepers who seek to keep the world secure and free, we pray to the Lord. Lord, give us peace.**

**For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership – political, military, and religious, asking for them gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace, we pray to the Lord. Lord, give us peace.**

**For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially:**

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**we pray to the Lord.** Lord, give us peace.

**For our partners in mission, especially [churches in the diocesan and Anglican Communion cycles of prayer], we pray to the Lord.** Lord, give us peace.

**For all who have died, especially:**

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*Officiant adds a concluding collect*