An Act of Remembrance

for use at home, during the lockdown

suggested start time — 10:58am

PSALM 103

6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those
who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those
who fear him.
14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember with gratitude those who,
in the cause of peace and in the service of humanity,
died for their country in time of war;
those whom we knew,
and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

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.
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Silence is kept.

“When you go home, tell them of us and say:
for your tomorrow we gave our today.”

THE ACT OF RECOMMITMENT

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,
and support those working
for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all mankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYERS

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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