FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME

REMEMBRANCE



'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'
Matthew 5:4

GATHER

We pause in silence on the 11th November, to remember those who died in war and conflict, and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a family of faith to bring God's peace into the world.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the people who have died and who know God's
love are in the hands of God, and no suffering will ever
touch them. We thought that their leaving us here behind
on earth was a disaster but really, they are at peace. They
are now with God: full of hope and life that never ends.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

REFLECT

Take a slow, deep breath and spend one or two minutes in quiet silence.
Let us all think about family members, friends, or heroes who have passed away, those we know and those we do not.

RESPOND

Each November, you might spot red poppies pinned to people's coats or on TV, you'll hear stories about soldiers and other members of the Armed forces, or take part in a two-minute silence.
B*ut do you know why poppies are worn?*
The poppy symbol is inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields", where the red poppy became a symbol of remembrance. Its opening lines read: *"In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row,".*
Maybe follow the link as a family to find out more about this.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zf9g92p

LET US PRAY



God our Father,
As our family gathers to remember those we love, we thank You for the time we shared with them. We thank You for their laughter, their guidance, and the love they left in our hearts.
Lord, we also remember those who have served and sacrificed for the freedom and peace of others. Be near to all who still grieve and feel the weight of loss today.
Bring us closer together as a family.
Give us the patience to listen, the courage to share our memories, and the heart to care for one another.
Eternal rest grant onto *all our departed loved ones Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
May they rest in peace.
Amen.