War & Peace

Monday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** REFLECTION

This week, on the 11th day of the 11th month, the whole country stops 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.

ADD ON THE 11TH

When the School bell rings goes at 11 this morning, and you stand for a minute in silence, remember to say a silent prayer for all those millions of young men who gave up their lives in defence of the values which we hold dear.

They were prepared to risk their lives, so that other people in this country might enjoy freedom and dignity.

They were millions of people who died when they were young, not much older than most of us in the school. They seem to speak to us from the grave and say to us

'for your tomorrow we gave our today'.

PRAYERS

Let us say the Lord's prayer for those who sacrificed their lives in the defence of peace. Our Father....

REPLACE ON THE 11TH

They shall not grow 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.

We will remember them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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Tuesday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

REFLECTION

It is a mistake to feel sorry for the war dead.

They would not have wanted our pity.

In fact our pity does little more than to demean the efforts they made and the price they paid.

They are worth more than that.

Rather what we should be asking ourselves is just what can we do in our lives that equates to the cost that they met in their lives.

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 world? Can we give as much for peace as they gave for war?

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.

Our Father...

St. Philip: **Pray for us.**House Saint: **Pray for us.**In the name of the Father...

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Wednesday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

REFLECTION

Our last Pope, Pope Francis once said 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....

St Philip: Pray for us.

House Saint: Pray for us.

In the name....

War & Peace THURSDAY ROSARY

Rosary Intention for those working in the Missions

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 they 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.