



This special Remembrance Sunday and Armistice day in Willaston we will be doing things differently.



Do join with us from home or work to remember those who have given their lives and to pray for peace. We will ring the church bell on Sunday 8th and Wednesday the 11th at 11am to make a time for silence and prayer. You may like to stand at your door or in the street or you may like to display a poppy in your window. Here are some prayers that you might like to use during this time.

**A Poppy Prayer** - suitable for children - all you need is a poppy.

**Look at your poppy:** Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all they did for others.

**Look at the red petals:** red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who face danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

**Place your whole hand over the poppy:** poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

**Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy:** ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

**A prayer for World peace**

○ God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.