SUGGESTIONS FOR
THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Suitable for use, in whole or in part,

On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1923,

Being the fifth anniversary of the signing of the

ARMISTICE.

[The forms here printed are selected from forms of Thanksgiving and Prayer previously issued under the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.]
suitable psalms and lessons.

Psalms xv, xxiii, xlvi, ciii, cxxii, cl.
Isaiah xxvi, 1-13.
Isaiah xxxv.
Isaiah xl.
Isaiah lli, 7-10.
S. John iv, 31-38.
Romans xii.
Ephesians vi, 10-20.
Colossians iii, 1-15.
Revelations xxi, 23-xxii, 5.

thanksgivings.

After a hymn or psalm of praise, the Minster, standing in the pulpit or other convenient place, shall bid the people to offer thanksgiving in these or other like words.

Brethren, we are assembled to praise God for the restoration of peace and to remember with thankful hearts His goodness towards us in time of war, and to pray that we may worthily set forward His kingdom of righteousness and peace in all the world.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.
Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;
But unto Thy Name give the praise.
Blessed be Thou, O Lord God of our fathers;
And worthy to be praised and glorified for ever.
Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost;
Let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;
And worthy to be praised and glorified, and highly exalted for ever.
Praise the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all His benefits.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for Thy gracious gift of peace: We confess that it is of Thy goodness that we have been preserved: and we beseech Thee to continue Thy mercies towards us, that we may always acknowledge Thee as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; particularly to us who desire now to offer up our praises and thanksgivings for Thy mercies vouchsafed to us in the time of war and in the restoration of peace. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, for all those Thy servants who waxed valiant in fight and wrought righteousness, and, counting not their life dear unto themselves, laid it down for their friends; and we pray Thee that, having fought a good fight and finished their course with joy, they may rejoice evermore with all them that have come out of the great tribulation, and, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, stand before Thy throne and serve Thee day and night for ever; through Him that overcame and is set down in Thy throne, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost now and ever and world without end. Amen.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou rulest over all; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious Name.

PRAYERS.

Let us pray that Peace may be true and lasting.
Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Thy Kingdom may go forward, till earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for union and concord with the nations.
O eternal God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house; we pray Thee to appease the tumults and violence which disturb the nations, and in all countries to give concord and goodwill; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in Thy holy commandments; and leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for Thy mercies towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the League of Nations.
O Almighty God, who canst bring good out of evil, and makest even the wrath of man to turn Thy praise; teach Thy children to live together in charity and peace; and grant, we beseech Thee, that the nations of the world may henceforth be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the maintenance of Industrial Peace and Goodwill.
O God, the Father of all mankind, we beseech Thee to inspire us with such love, truth and equity, that in all our dealings one with another we may shew forth our brotherhood in Thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who has taught us that we are members of one another; Remove, we beseech Thee, from among us all distrust and bitterness in industrial disputes; and grant that, seeking what is just and equal and caring for the needs of others, we may live and work together in unity and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the unemployed.
O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we commend to Thy protecting care and compassion the men and women of our land now suffering distress and anxiety through lack of work; support and strengthen them, we beseech Thee; and so prosper the counsels of those who are engaged in the ordering of our industrial life, that Thy people may be set free from want and fear, and be enabled to labour in security and peace, for the relief of their necessities and for the well-being of this realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for Rulers and for those in authority.
Almighty God, who alone givest wisdom and understanding; inspire, we pray Thee, the hearts of all to whom Thou has committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by for their counsels all nations and classes may work together in true brotherhood, and Thy Church may serve Thee in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Let us pray for the British Empire. 
O Lord God of our Fathers, who in Thy goodness hast led this people hitherto by wondrous ways, who maketh the nations to praise Thee, and knittest them together in the bonds of peace; We beseech Thee to pour Thy blessing on the Empire over which Thou hast called Thy servant George to be King. Grant that all, of whatever race or tongue, may, in prosperity and peace, be united in the bond of brotherhood, and in the one fellowship of the Faith, so that we may be found a people acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who have suffered through the war. 
Unto Thy loving kindness, O Lord, we commend all those who are stricken and suffering by reason of the war; the disabled, the blinded, the homeless, the unemployed, and the oppressed; all who have been bereaved of those dear to them; all whose faith in Thee has been shaken by what they have seen or suffered. Strengthen them, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, and give them courage and hope. Help us to do our part in ministering to them; for the sake of Him who bore for us the pain and desolation of the Cross, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us comment to the mercy of God those who have fallen in the service of their country. 
O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who, having fought a good fight, have finished their course in Thy faith and fear; and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we with them may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, unto whom no prayer is ever made without hope of Thy compassion; we remember before Thee our brethren who laid down their lives in the cause wherein their King and Country sent them: Grant that they who readily obeyed the call of those to whom Thou hast committed authority upon earth may be accounted worthy of a place among thy faithful servants in the Kingdom of Heaven; and give both them and to us forgiveness for all our sins, and in ever clearer understanding of Thy will; for His sake, who loved us and gave Himself for us, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for help and guidance in time of trouble. 
O God of our fathers, who from generations to generation has watched over us in love; hear us now in hours of perplexity and need: Save us from the dangers of disunion and strife: Remove all hindrances to brotherly concord; and grant that we may serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Christ. 
O Lord Christ, Thou Price of Peace, the Faithful and True, who in righteousness dost judge and make war; grant to us all, we beseech Thee, that, putting the whole armour of God, we may follow Thee as Thou goest forth conquering and to conquer; and, fighting manfully under Thy banner against sin, the world, and the devil, we may be found more than conquerors, and at the
last may be refreshed with the multitude of peace in the heavenly Jerusalem, the holy City of our God: Whose is the greatness and the power, the victory and the majesty, for ever. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and, as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DURING THE TWO MINUTES’ SILENCE**

An act of silent prayer and recollection.

In remembrance of those who made all the great sacrifice, o God, make us better men and women, and give peace in our time.