

## Intercessions Remembrance Sunday November 13 2016

Father in heaven, we your children come to you today in a state of worry and confusion . Our immediate prayers are for the people of the United States of America. We have but to think of their Civil War and remember with gratitude the model for democracy which came about. The cost was obedience to Christ's command to love one's enemies, to re-member broken relationships

We pray for a spirit of peace and reconciliation amongst those so deeply hurt by the warring rhetoric of the presidential candidates and devastated by the result.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY..

On this Remembrance Sunday we remember all those who have died in military action or perhaps later , as a result of it. We continue to pray earnestly for peace in Syria. That country has suffered through lack of co-ordinated efforts for peace by world powers. A place and a people torn apart and in desperate need of re-membering. We also pray for those who have fled that and other countries in the pursuit of peace and freedom, remembering the host countries too. In particular we ask you to bless the people of France, troubled as they have been with acts of terrorism this year.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

At a time of confusion and uncertainty it is our nature to build up protective walls, real and in our minds. Father God we pray for all who acknowledge the work of your Son in restoring our family relationship with you, we pray for those whose ministry is peacemaking - the re-membering of communities fraught with hatred. We think not only of the extraordinary ministry of Bishop Andrew Brown in Iraq, but of those who quietly and in prayer are shining examples of the healing power of grace, the power of inclusivity victorious over divisiveness. May we as Christians carry that light into the darkest corners of our world, bringing that peace that doesn't count the cost and is more appropriately named 'shalom' - or 'deep peace'

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

We pray for our Church here in our country and community. Please bless our bishop and the initiative for mission in the diocese. In our own church we give thanks at this time for the dramatic presentations of world war one by Kate Miller and her actors, which have been a poignant reminder of the effects of war at a local level. We ask your blessing on Alan and the team here at St.Andrews especially as Christmas approaches. We give thanks for the time of worship at the bonfire party last Sunday. We commit to you now the play by Riding Lights on Wednesday and the meeting next Saturday morning when we will have the opportunity of attending coaxing questions amongst the congregation and visitors. May both events fuel our desire to Share the Story.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

And now we commit to you father all of those who are in anyway suffering from poor health. We pray specially for....

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

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And finally a blessing taken from the poetry of John O'Donoghue

' We pray for all who suffer violence today

May an unexpected serenity surprise them

For those who risk their lives each day for peace

May their hearts glimpse Providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war

Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other

A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression

That those who enjoy the privilege of peace

may not forget their tormented brothers and sisters

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb

That Our swords be beaten into plowshares

And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain

MERCIFUL FATHER...