

Title: Remembrance



Luke 20: 27-38

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Scripture

Prayer to St Julie Billiard

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

"We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart"

St Julie Billiard

Reflect: November is a month the Catholic Church dedicates to remembering those who have died. It provides us with an opportunity to pray for and think about those we know who have died...and maybe even those we didn't know. It is therefore fitting for us that Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday also fall within the month of November because these are also special times when we remember those who have died in war, and we pray for peace in our world in the hope that no one else will die as a consequence of conflict and violence. This time of remembrance is a really important one and it is important for us as Christians to do all we can to promote peace— starting with our own words and actions. As the month progresses make time to think about and pray for those who have died, be grateful for their life and remember all that they added to your life.

- How can we remember people who have died and turn this into a celebration rather than a sadness?
- How does the idea of Remembrance link to our duty as Christians to promote peace?

Lord, this week we remember all those who have died as a consequence of conflict and violence throughout the world. We ask you to help us to live lives of peace so that we never bring pain or suffering to others. **AMEN**



Lord, we ask you to be with all those known to our College community who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially those on active service. Guard them and keep them in the safety of your love. Be a source of comfort Lord, to the families and friends who wait at home for them, give them the strength and courage to carry on in their absence.
Amen

Lord, comforter of those who mourn, give your peace and healing to all those in our community who are feeling sad because of the death of a loved one. Help us all to be sensitive to those who need our care and support through difficult times. **Amen**

Pray For:

- all victims of war - soldiers, civilians, men, women, children.
- those who work on behalf of the families of soldiers killed or wounded in action.
- peace; in College, at home, in our communities and in our world.
- those you know who have died.
- those who are grieving for a loved one.

Prayer in action this week:

Live, think and BE peace!

- Celebrate the life of someone who has died.
- Support someone who is feeling sad.
- Remember someone you love and smile.
- Be tolerant.

Focus on one each

Lord, comforter of those who mourn, give your peace and healing to all those in our community who are feeling sad because of the death of a loved one. Help us all to be sensitive to those who need our care and support through difficult times. **Amen**

We pray for all who suffer as a result of war... the injured and the disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humankind has been weakened or destroyed... for the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security... for those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief... Be with them Lord and give them comfort. Amen

We remember all those who have died and pray that they are resting in your peace, in your comforting presence, Lord, along with all those you love.

Amen



Do not stand at my grave and weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's lush,
I am the sweet uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.
So heed, hear when you awaken what I say.
I live with you,
I guard your way

November is a month when we remember those people who have died and gone before us to the Lord. Throughout the month we will keep all those who have died in our prayers

Lord, we ask that you comfort those who are grieving at this time. Be with them as they come to terms with the loss of their loved one. May they soon be comforted by the knowledge that death is not the end and that you are waiting to welcome your children into your Kingdom to live with you forever. Give us the patience and understanding to support those who mourn. **Amen**

This is the prayer used by Catholic people when they pray for someone who has died:
Eternal rest grant unto them (her/him) O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them (her/him).
May they (s/he) rest in peace.
Amen

Lord of peace,
We pray for statesmen and rulers, that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right...
We pray for all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour, and creed ...
And we pray for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace ...
We ask this in your name, **Amen**