



WORKINGTON TOWN COUNCIL  
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### Greeting

*The Minister welcomes the congregation.*

Minister: We meet in the presence of God with thanksgiving and sorrow  
to remember those whose lives,  
in wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

We pray for all  
who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

Minister: Let us pray.

Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace  
calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: As our Saviour has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**All: 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 our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*A Bible Reading, Poem or Other Reading is read.*

*An address may be given.*

*We sing the hymn:*

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

3. Be fore the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away.  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

## Reading

## Address

## Hymn

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Minister introduces the prayers of intercession:*

Minister: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader: Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:  
for the servicemen and women who have died  
in the violence of war and acts of terror,  
each one remembered by and known to God;  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all who serve with the armed forces of the Crown,  
both at home and overseas;  
for their families, friends and colleagues,  
as they face the dangers of their duties  
and seek to preserve our world in peace;  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Reader: For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Reader: For peace-makers and peace-keepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free;  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,  
political, military and religious;  
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve  
in the search for reconciliation and peace.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*The Minister concludes the prayers by saying:*

Minister: Teach us, good Lord to serve thee as thou deservest,  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labour and not to ask for any reward;  
except that of knowing that we do thy will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Act of Remembrance**

Minister: Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and  
whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service  
of mankind.

### **Pause**

Reader: They shall grow not 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.

**All: We will remember them.**

*The Last Post sounds  
Silence is kept  
The Reveille Sounds*

Reader: When you go home, tell them of us and say;  
For your tomorrows, we gave our today.

Wreaths placed at the foot of the Cenotaph; after which silence is kept.

Minister: God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: The Lord be with you  
All **and also with you.**

### **Blessing**

Minister: God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
**to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.**

**All: Amen.**

### **Pause**

### **National Anthem**

God save our gracious King	Thy choicest gifts in store
Long live our noble King	On him be pleased to pour
God save the King	Long may he reign
Send him victorious	May he defend our laws
Happy and glorious	And ever give us cause
Long to reign over us	To sing with heart and voice
God save the King	God save the King

