

Day 236 – Wednesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day

As today is Remembrance Day, I thought I would send out this prayer. It is a Memorial Prayer by CAPT T. Randy Cash, CHC, USN, Retired Past National Chaplain of the American Legion

Eternal Father, you alone rule the destinies of nations
and you have deemed that men and women should live in freedom and not fear,
awaken in us a new appreciation of our land
that we may apply ourselves to the great work of keeping alive a sense of freedom.
Grant us your spirit as we honor those who have fought a good fight and finished the course.
On this day we remember those who served in far off places
and have laid down their arms to march into that land of eternal peace.
We remember the sufferings, the fears and the horrors of what they endured.

It is a time for us to realize that much of our best blood has been spilled—all over the world—
so that we might live free and unchained!
May they, and those who suffer wounds for peace,
as well as their families who valiantly and silently also serve,
receive rest from their struggles and a "well done" from you, Captain of their souls.
Enkindle within us a flame of selfless unwavering devotion to duty that we may never be found
wanting
We earnestly implore your providential care as we face the grim and great task which lies
ahead.
May the day soon come when we can lay down arms
and more earnestly give our attention to do justice,
to live in kindness, and to walk humbly in your sight.
We pray all this together in the great spirit of unity and peace. Our Father ...

“Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, champagne in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming “WOO HOO what a ride!” (Hunter S. Thompson)

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Kaptein