

DEVOTION for PENTECOST 24 REMEMBRANCE DAY

ISAIAH 2:2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

And many peoples shall come and say: "Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and decide disputes for many peoples.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen*

JOSHUA 1:1-18

Joshua assumes leadership of Israel

What promise did the Lord give Joshua?

What did Joshua need to be careful to do?

Why is it important for us to meditate on God's word?

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

The mind of Christ

Why did Paul not rely on human wisdom in proclaiming Jesus?

How does the Spirit help us understand the things of God?

How does the mind of Christ help us understand God?

"NOVEMBER 11th"

Each November 11th we remember those who served and died for our nation in the terrible wars of the twentieth century; as well as in more recent conflicts of the 21st century. The words of Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae are part of our collective memory, "*In Flanders fields the poppies blow beneath the crosses row on row.*" We remember those who served in the past and those who continue to serve, so we may appreciate the heritage bequeathed upon us by the sacrifice of their service.

We remember that we human beings, need healing in our relationship with God. Sin is never so obvious than during war. The saddest words in the bible are in Genesis, where it says, "*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth...And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart.*" Sin is not an imaginary concept. It is real. We remember sin has destroyed our relationship with God, brought war and death into the world.

As Christians we remember most of all, the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the forgiveness God offers for all to receive through faith in Him as Saviour. The most beautiful words of the bible are Jesus' words in John 3:16. He said, God so loved the world, full of hate, murder and war, "*that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.*" As we remember the wars of the past and present, we remember Jesus. He is our peace. As we remember human sin, our sin, we remember Jesus. He is our Saviour.

Jesus be our peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our land and in all the earth. Jesus be our Saviour in time and for eternity. Amen

"ABIDE WITH ME FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE" (Public Domain)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, Oh, abide with me.

**I need thy presence, ev-'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Oh, abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joy's grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

PRAYER of ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. God grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen

THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BENEDICTION

Psalm 46:9

"He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire."

Bible Knowledge Quiz

On what day did God create humans?

What day is the Sabbath?

What is Sunday called as a day of worship?

Answers to last week's quiz

Zoar. Genesis 19:21-22

Athens. Acts 17:16-21

Capernaum. Matthew 4:13