I spent most of my working life as a District Nurse on the Norfolk Park estate. During that time I cared for veterans of the first & second world wars. The man who was hit on the first day of the battle of the Somme told me getting shot wasn’t as bad as the next two days lying in no-man’s land. He said the Gurkhas who pulled him out were wonderful.

50 years later he still had a hip wound I monitored.

Little was said of the second war until 2004 the 40th anniversary of D-Day when suddenly they were free to talk. Not that all did.

Thank you, Lord, that you promised to hear us when we pray in faith.

Thank you for ordinary people in extraordinary times. Those who do what they see to be right. They are called brave and hero. But usually don’t want these labels. Thank you for them.

LIYM

Thank you for those from this parish who went away to war, those who came back as well as those who died. Life was forever changed for them and those around them.

LIYM

We ask for the insight called wisdom for our political leaders that they might choose just solutions that don’t need violence. But we live in a violent world.

This is a hard task for You and them. But without justice there is no peace.

LIYM

There are wars going on now. Thousands are dying every day. Either by explosions, shooting or starvation. Famine is being used as a weapon of war.

There are so many evils devised to destroy humanity. Remind the leaders of nations that ALL are humans, loved by You and made in Your image.

LIYM

Comfort and heal those who are sick especially if their faith in You has been damaged by the actions of men, yes, it usually is men. Grant them the grace of the knowledge of Your love. They might see this in the care & kindness of strangers.

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This day, of all days, we remember those who have died. According to Your promises grant us, with them, a place in Your eternal kingdom.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord’s prayer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

 Amen.