

Remembrance

³ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)

Creative idea, "Hands up for peace"

Give everyone a piece paper and ask them to draw around their hand. Using scissors cut out the shape. Write on each paper hand a prayer for peace and harmony both in our own communities and around the world. Pray for an end to discord and conflict so that we can all live together peacefully as God intended from the beginning. Stick these prayers onto a large piece of card. Perhaps find a place in your church to display it and include an MU logo.



Prayers

We remember all those who work to bring peace and reconciliation. We pray that the MU can continue to be a voice of reason in society and actively participate in all that makes for peace.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for our family and friends – help us to remember the lonely.

We thank you for the food we enjoy - help us to remember the hungry.

We thank you for our health –help us to remember the sick.

May these remembrances stir us into active service, so that your gifts to us may be used to help others.

Amen

Lord God of the nations,

Whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.

Pour out your peace into the hearts of all,
that all races and peoples may learn to live
as members of one family in obedience to your law,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/3774/remembrance_resources.pdf