

# Prayer of the Week

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Do this in remembrance of me.....

During this past week or so *remembrance* has been very much to the fore: The foiling of the Gunpowder Plot was remembered with bonfires and fireworks.

The nation has been remembering - in solemn ceremonies, and the wearing the blood-red poppy symbol - all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in two world wars and many localised wars around the world.

Meanwhile, delegates and campaigners have urged world leaders, with speeches and protests, to be mindful of all those who will be most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Without remembrance, it is said, humanity is condemned to keep repeating it's mistakes. Without mindfulness of the needs of all, humanity will fall short of protecting the planet for the future.

Remembrance is also a key thread running through scripture. God's people are repeatedly exhorted to remember His redeeming works, creative power, faithfulness, holiness, His promises, and all that has been accomplished through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

This old and well-known poem highlights why remembering is important. When we forget God's grace, wisdom and love for us, we are thrown back on our own understanding -which frequently fails to sustain us in the challenges of life.

## *The Weaver*

*My life is but a weaving  
Between my Lord and me.  
I cannot choose the colours  
He worketh steadily*

*Oft times He weaveth sorrow  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget he sees the upper,  
And I the underside.*

*Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why*

*The dark threads are as needful  
In the weavers skilful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.*

## *Prayer*

Creator God and loving heavenly Father,

With the psalmist, we look at all the wonders that you have made we are amazed that you are mindful of us and care for us, unworthy and insignificant as we are.

And yet, we so easily turn the focus of our hearts and minds away from you ; seeking to direct our lives by ourselves, according to our own perception of our abilities. We ask for your forgiveness.

Help us to remember, with gratitude, all the times you have guided, loved and watched over us. May we never forget all that you accomplished for us through Jesus.

Lead us to be more trusting: remembering that, just as you have brought us through past challenges, you will carry us through what lies ahead.

May remembrance of all that you are and do, bring us into a closer walk with you.

And may we give you all the glory for every good thing in our lives.

Amen.