**Friday 8th May, 2020  
75th Anniversary of VE Day**

*There is a pre-recorded service will be premiered on the* [Rochester Cathedral Facebook](https://anglican.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0b375b1912f2d9f546f580f63&id=2f6da48062&e=397f8daf86" \t "_blank)  *page, following the national 2 minutes' silence at 11am.*

As our nation commemorates the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe, when the sounds of war fell silent on this continent, we are conscious of our need for God’s forgiveness for the sin and the desire to dominate others that leads to conflict between people, and war between nations.

As we remember the many soldiers, sailors, and airmen who gave their lives restraining evil and opposing tyranny, so we also give thanks for the years of peace that the nations of Europe have enjoyed since the Second World War.

But above all things, let us pray that God’s will may be done on earth as it is in heaven, as we join our voices together and say:

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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,   
and for the praise of your name.   
Guide us by your Spirit;   
give us wisdom;   
give us courage;   
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful now and always. **Amen.**

O Lord our God,  
as we remember, teach us the ways of peace.   
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.   
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,   
help us to make your future in this world,   
until your kingdom come. **Amen.**

Almighty God,   
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:   
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;   
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom   
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;   
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,   
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;   
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,   
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,   
and all who are in authority under her;   
that they may order all things   
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,   
to the honour of your name,   
and the good of your Church and people;   
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**