

Litany for peace

On the occasion of the NZ Wars Remembrance Day

Inspired by Te Kooti's vision of te Maungārongo, the abiding peace

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As we remember the tragedy of war, we gather to pray:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To the land scarred and confiscated, denuded and sold:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To tangata whenua, robbed of their home and sent into exile:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those convicted without trial, imprisoned on foreign soil:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those left behind, who grieved their loss:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To the women and children, raped and abused:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those who fell, defending land, home, iwi and whanau:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those who obeyed their commanders, even unto death:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To the warmongers and peacemakers, the fighters and the healers:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those prophets, who dreamed a different world could be possible:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those who carried their words, keeping the flame of peace alive:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those who remember and bear the scars of the past:

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

To those who are working to set things right.

Your abiding peace come on earth as in heaven.

Come, Spirit of God, bring te maungārongo, your abiding peace,

to take seed in our hearts, in our communities,

in the whenua, and to the ends of the world.

We pray in the name of Ihu Karaiti, Tama Ngākau Mārie,

Jesus Christ – son of a peaceful heart. Amen.