



## This Sunday's Gospel Reading

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

#### **Matthew 25:1-13**

**Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Prayer One

## The Sign of the Cross

**We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Reflection: Most of our weekly themes are based on the readings from Sunday's Mass, but this week we have chosen a theme based on something else.***



**November 11th is traditionally Remembrance Day in the UK and in many countries around the world. On this day, we remember all those who have fought in conflicts over the years, and especially those who have given their lives.**

**The date of November 11th was chosen because in 1918 this day marked the agreement that ended the First World War. The Poppy was chosen as a symbol because on many of the battlefields in 1918, Poppies were the only thing that could grow. The fields themselves were so badly damaged that pretty much all other vegetation had been completely wiped out.**

**Poppies always had a habit of being able to grow in places where just about nothing else can.**

**Perhaps today we can pray for all of those effected by wars and by conflict.**

**So many lives around the world are torn apart by fighting. Just as Poppies can break thorough damaged ground, though, there is always a chance that hope and love can break through into situations that seem hopeless and lost.**

# **Final Prayer:**

**Loving Father,**

**You alone can give us the love and the hope to bring healing and peace.**

**We ask you today to be with all those affected by war. Those who have lost loved ones, those who have been injured, and those whose lives have been torn apart.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**

# Prayer Two

## The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### *Reflection:*

*When remembrance day comes around we traditionally think about the sacrifices of war. But it's also a good chance to think about peace, and about how we can all help to bring it about in the world.*

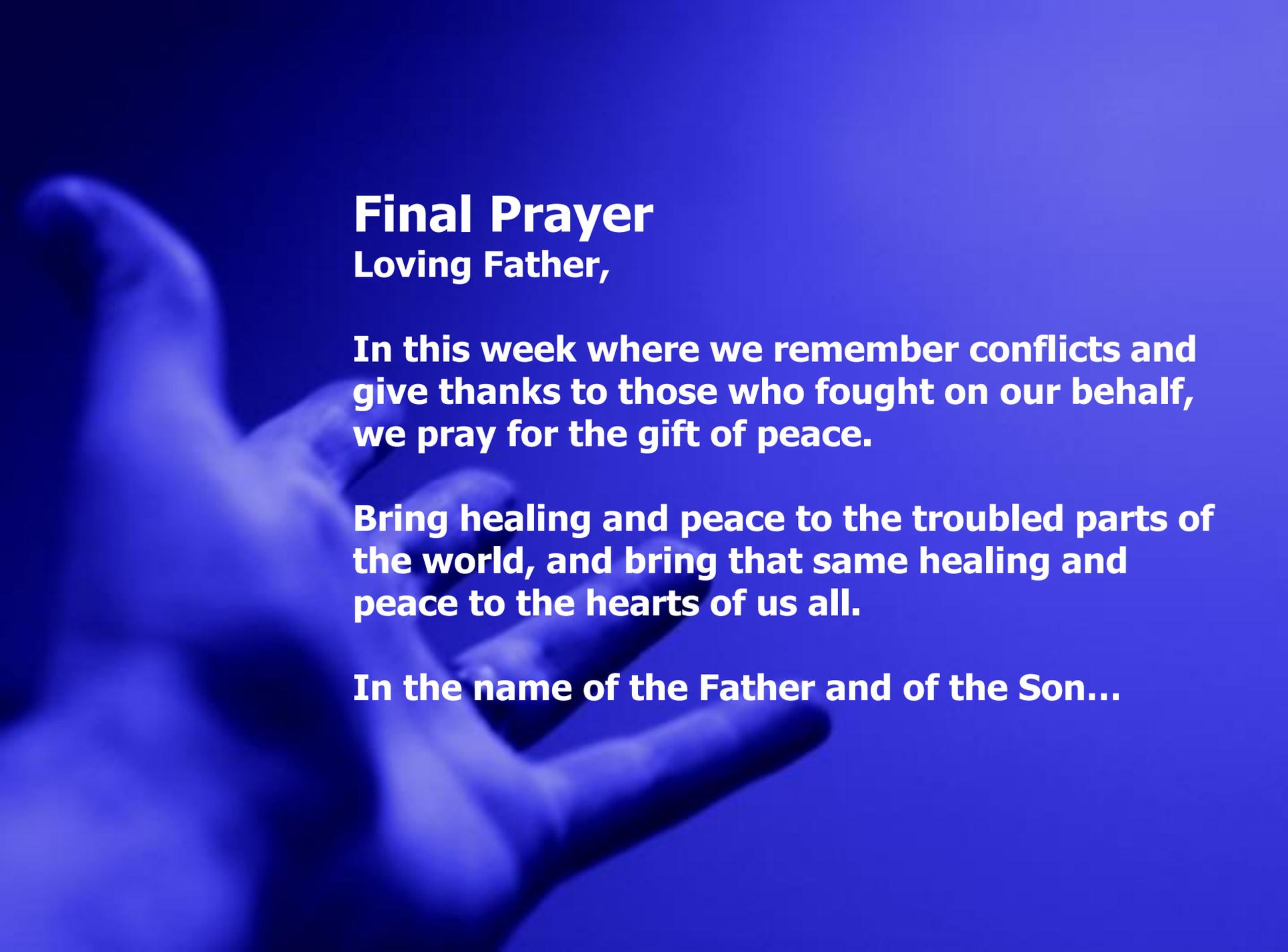
**The thing about peace is that it can be broken by the very simplest of things. Somebody once described peace by saying this:**

***You can't have peace in the world without peace in the country. You can't have peace in the country without peace in the town. You can't have peace in the town without peace in each street. You can't have peace in the street without peace in each home. And you can have peace in each home without peace in each heart.***

**Perhaps we can conclude from this that world peace may never be possible. It's a grim thought. But, on the other hand, maybe there is a more positive way to look at it...**

**If each and every one of us can be at peace with ourselves and at peace with those around us, then we will make a difference.**

**By being at peace with those around us, and by being peaceful, caring people ourselves, then we, in our own small way are contributing toward the peace of the world.**



## **Final Prayer**

**Loving Father,**

**In this week where we remember conflicts and give thanks to those who fought on our behalf, we pray for the gift of peace.**

**Bring healing and peace to the troubled parts of the world, and bring that same healing and peace to the hearts of us all.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**

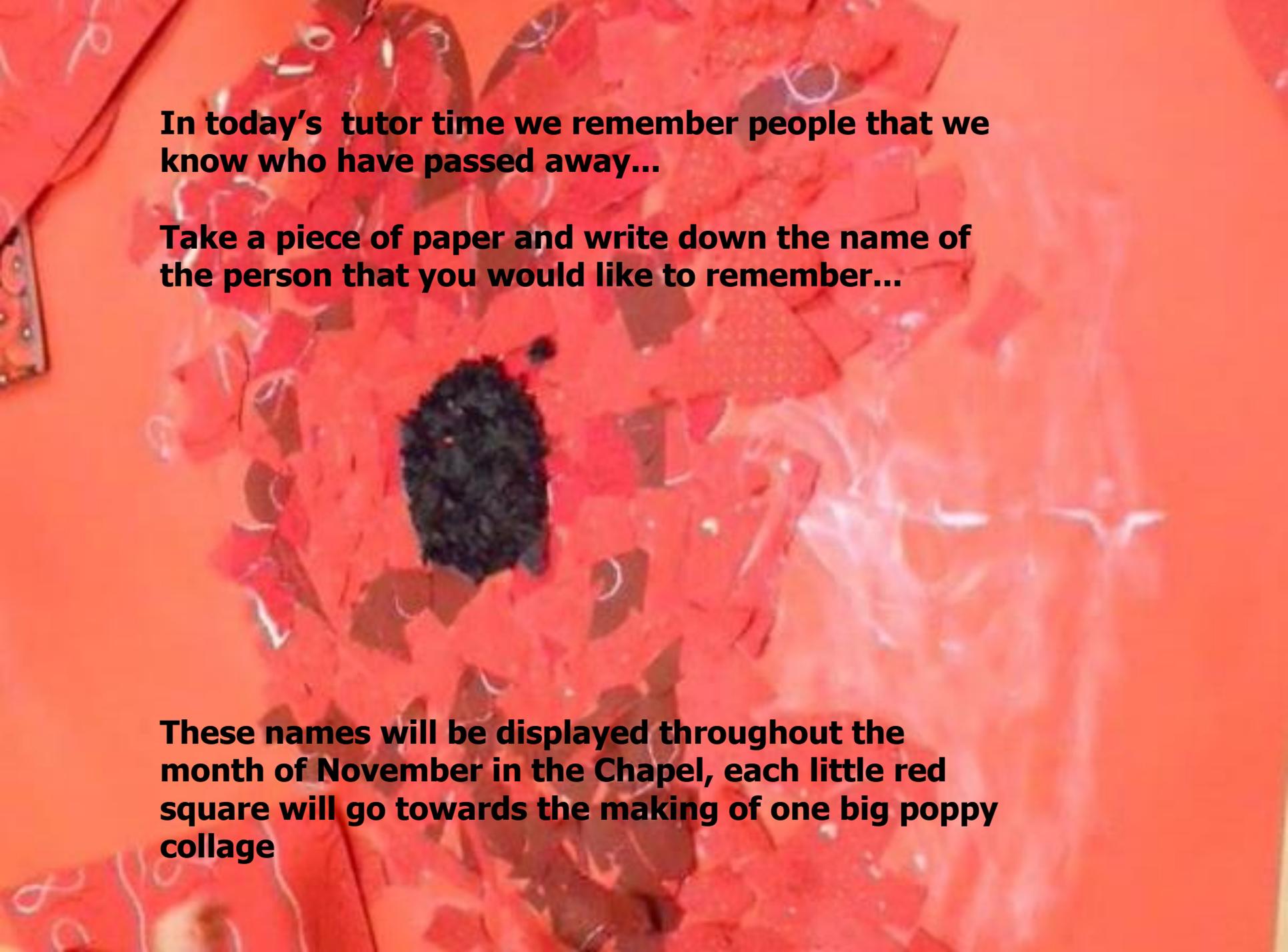
# Prayer Three

## The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

### ***Reflection:***

***These weeks theme is Remembrance  
and this ties in with the month of  
Remembrance for those who have died  
that the church keeps in November***



**In today's tutor time we remember people that we know who have passed away...**

**Take a piece of paper and write down the name of the person that you would like to remember...**

**These names will be displayed throughout the month of November in the Chapel, each little red square will go towards the making of one big poppy collage**

# **Final Prayer**

**Lord we offer up all these people's names  
to you ...**

**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May the souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

**Amen.**

# Final Thought...

When someone  
you love  
becomes a  
memory, the  
memory  
becomes a  
treasure.



*Next weeks theme: **USE***