Memorial Day Midday Prayer

Adapted from *Enriching Our Worship I*

**Great Litany**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
   Have mercy on us.
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
   Have mercy on us.
Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
   Have mercy on us.
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
   Have mercy on us.

**Canticle O**

*A Song of the Heavenly City*

Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4

I saw no temple in the city, *
   for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *
   for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, *
   and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *
   into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.

I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
   flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *
   and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.

All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands, and all servants give worship there; *
   And they will see God’s face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.
Naming Those Lost to War

*We pause to name aloud members of our families, communities and congregations who have died in the service of our nation.*

Prayer

*(BCP, 488.)*

*Bishop Fisher:*

Living God,  
in whose hands are the living and the dead;  
We give you thanks for your servants who have laid down their lives  
in the service of our country.  
Grant to them your mercy and the light of your presence;  
and give us such a lively sense of your righteous will,  
that the work you began in them may be perfected;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Prayer in a Time of War

*By Ms. Wendy Lyons, Women’s Uncommon Prayers (adapted for this office)*

*Together:*

Forgive us for neglecting to “seek peace and pursue it,”  
and finding ourselves in each new crisis,  
more ready to make war than to make peace.

Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation;  
Let us not delight in victory, but in justice;  
Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer.  
*Amen.*