

# **Driveway Commemoration of Anzac Day – 250600Apr20**

Neighbours and friends gather with appropriate physical distance or stand at the end of your driveway with a candle, a torch or the light of your phone. Let's light up the dawn and remember and pay our respects from home.

A Welcome is extended, candles are lit, torches are turned on. A portable speaker is connected by Bluetooth to a mobile device with the playlist of Last Post, Silence, Reveille, National Anthem 'Advance Australia Fair' v1.

The ANF is displayed as appropriate, perhaps with a Slouch Hat and ADF boots. This service can be led by a Chaplain, a civilian Clergy person or an appropriate lay person who is comfortable and confident to do so.

## **Prayer of Invocation**

Lord God, be with us this morning as we gather to pay tribute to those who have been involved in our Nation's battles. As we remember those who have died in war, let us commend their souls again to God's eternal mercy; and let us pray that God will give us grace to serve until our life's end. **Amen.**

## **ANZAC Requiem**

On this day above all days we recall those who served in war and who did not return to receive the grateful thanks of the Nation. We remember those who still sleep where they were left - amid the holly scrub in the valleys and on the ridges of Gallipoli, on the rocky and terraced hills of Palestine - and in the lovely cemeteries in France. We remember those who lie asleep in the ground beneath the shimmering haze of the Libyan Desert - at Bardia, Derna, Tobruk - and amid the mountain passes and olive groves of Greece and Crete, and the rugged, snow-capped hills of Lebanon and Syria. We remember those who lie buried in the rank jungle of Malaya and Burma - in New Guinea - and in the distant isles of the Pacific. We remember those who lie buried amid loving friends in our Motherland and in our own far north. We remember those who lie in unknown resting places in almost every land, and those gallant men whose grave is the unending sea. Especially do we remember those who died as prisoners of war, remote from their homeland, and from the

comforting presence of their kith and kin. We think of those in our women's services who gave their lives in foreign lands and at sea, and of those who proved to be, in much more than name, the sisters of



*In preparation, Candle holders can be easily made from milk bottles decorated with Poppies drawn by freehand and coloured in red, black and green.*



our fighting men. We recall too, the staunch friends who served beside our men on the first ANZAC Day - men of New Zealand who helped to create the Legend of ANZAC. We recall those who gave their lives serving with the other British Commonwealth and allied forces. We think of every man and woman who has died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine. We think of those gallant men who died in Korea, in Malaya, and in Vietnam, assisting to defend the Commonwealth, and other countries of the free world, against a common enemy. May these all rest proudly in the knowledge of their achievement, and may we and our successors in that heritage prove worthy of their sacrifice.

### **Prayer of Remembrance**

Almighty God, Sacred presence in our midst, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time or war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of

justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Ode**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

*All: We will remember them.*

Lest we forget.

*All: Lest we forget.*

**Last Post Two Minutes Silence** (about 70 seconds)

## **Reveille**

## **Blessing**

Go out into the world in peace. Be brave; keep hold of what is good. Never pay back wrong for wrong; encourage the faint hearted; Support the weak and distressed; give due honour to everyone. Be always joyful and give thanks whatever happens for this is what God wills for you. **Amen.**

## **National Anthem ‘Advance Australia Fair’ (Any in uniform salute)**

Australians all let us rejoice, For we are young and free; We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in nature’s gifts, Of beauty rich and rare; In history’s page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

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