



The Bishop at Lambeth and Bishop to the Forces, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, said a prayer of dedication today at the unveiling of a new memorial dedicated to those who served in Afghanistan and both Iraq wars. The memorial was unveiled by HM The Queen in central London this morning.

*Read the prayer led by Bishop Nigel:*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

Let us pray that this place be always a place of peace where troubles can be shared and laid down, fears recede, and memories treasured.

**Amen.**

To the Glory of God and in honour of the commitment and duty of all those, both civilian and military whose service is commemorated here, I dedicate this memorial in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

May this memorial commemorate the lives and service of all who took part in the Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan as we acknowledge their sacrifices and dedication. May it remind us and all who pass by, of the bravery, commitment and selflessness of those who served. May it remain an inspiration to us and all who follow, to do our duty with courage and integrity in the service of God and all humankind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go forth into the World in peace;

Be of good courage;

Hold fast that which is good;

Render to no one evil for evil;

Strengthen the faint hearted;

Support the weak;

Help the afflicted;

Honour everyone;

Love and serve the Lord,

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

And the blessing of God almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

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