

**For those who have died on active service**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service:  
in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.  
As we honour their courage and cherish their  
memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

**For peace and justice**

God our deliverer,  
defender of the poor and needy;  
when the foundations of the earth are shaking,  
give strength to your people to uphold justice  
and fight all wrong,  
in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

*David Stancliffe (1942-)*

If you would like to talk to someone about  
the things you have brought to God in prayer,  
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Or speak to one of our Open Church  
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# The Parish Church of St. Giles, Pontefract



## Prayers for the Armed Forces

### **For the armed forces of the Crown**

Heavenly Father,  
we commend to your gracious care and  
keeping  
all the men and women in our Armed Forces  
at home and abroad.  
Defend them day by day with your heavenly  
grace;  
strengthen them in their trials and  
temptations;  
and give them courage to face the perils that  
beset them;  
and help them to know that nothing can  
separate them from your love;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

O Lord God of Hosts,  
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm  
to strengthen and protect our service men  
and women.  
Support them in times of conflict,  
and in their rest and training keep them safe  
from all evil;  
endue them with courage and loyalty;  
and grant that in all things they may serve  
without reproach;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **From the Field Service Book of the British Army**

Almighty God,  
in you alone we find safety and peace.  
We commend to your gracious keeping  
all the men and women who serve in the  
Navy, the Army, or the Air Force,  
who face danger and put their lives at risk so  
that others might live in safety.  
Defend them day by day by your heavenly  
power;  
and help them to know that they can never  
pass beyond the reach of your care.  
Keep alive in them and in us your vision of  
that peace  
which alone we must seek and serve;  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*From the Book of Common Order of the Church  
of Scotland*

### **For Those Deployed on Active Service**

Almighty God,  
stretch forth your mighty arm  
to strengthen and protect the armed forces:  
grant that meeting danger with courage  
and all occasions with discipline and loyalty,  
they may truly serve the cause of justice and  
peace;  
to the honour of your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Lord our God,  
our sure stronghold,  
hear the voice of our pleading  
and deliver us from evil.  
Strengthen us as we strive for the poor and  
oppressed,  
and establish your justice in all the earth.  
Amen

*Brian Elliott, from 'They Shall Grow Not Old'*