

## **ANZAC MAIN CEREMONY**

### **WELCOME**

We are assembled here to commemorate that immortal day when the young men of Australia by their deeds and sacrifice demonstrated to the world at Gallipoli that Australia was truly a nation.

The sons and daughters of those ANZACs came forward without question, and discharged fully their responsibilities, during World War 2. Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, The Gulf War, East Timor and Iraq. Their sons and daughters continue to come forward to serve the nation in the conflicts that threaten the peace of our world. On this day we remember the sacrifice of such men and women for an ideal, for a way of life. Let us take strength in the knowledge and hope that our sons and daughters will never forget the examples set by their forefathers. In our every day life let us endeavour to carry on those traditions established by past wars and conflicts at such tragic cost.

We think of every man, woman and child who, in those crucial years, died so that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine. We nurture too the obligation for showing gratitude for the peace we enjoy and the responsibility of ensuring that the freedom and liberty so costly won is not lost to our children by our indifference.

So let us mourn with pride, but let us also remember with equal pride those who served and still live.

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank you, O Heavenly Father, for the efforts made by the Nations of the World in seeking peace and happier relations with each other. We praise the spirit in men and women which made them scorn the way of safety and venture all for the common cause of freedom and right; for all great and noble acts known and unknown, which we trust by the mercy of God to bring about the conquest of the forces of evil which threaten the peace and security of the world.

**Or...**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Father, God, we have gathered today...

To remember those who have died while defending the cause of freedom and justice

To bring back memories of heroism, comradeship and many unselfish and fine deeds.

And to think of and pray for those whose bodies, memories and minds still bear the scars of war.

We ask you today for...

Peace and comfort in all those who still suffer

Justice and freedom for our world, and especially those places where conflict still rages.

And your strength to live our own lives rightly, as we should.

May this time be one when we seek you, through Jesus Christ, who gave his life, that we may have eternal life. Amen.

**Abide with me**

## **Anzac Address**

## **Anzac Dedication**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our father in Heaven  
Hallowed be you name,  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN OF AUSTRALIA**

Almighty God, who rules over the kingdoms of the Earth, bless your servant, Queen Elizabeth, and be pleased to bestow on her the blessing of divine wisdom and grace, that under her this nation may be wisely directed to take its rightful place in the wider life of the world. Amen

## **God Save the Queen**

### **PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

Be gracious unto us, O Lord, and bless us. Stretch forth the right hand of Thy protection to guard our country, that we, being devoted to our nation's service, may ever be defended by Thy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

## **Placing of Tributes**

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN**

They gave their lives. For that boundless gift they received a praise that never ages and a 'tomb most glorious.....not so much a tomb in which they lie, but a tomb in which their fame endures, to be remembered forever when occasion comes for word or deed.

## **Last Post**

## **Silence**

## **Reveille**

### **THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE**

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Lest we forget. \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Recessional Hymn**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION**

O Lord, through the mouth of your prophet you declared that all souls are Yours. We thank you for the brave and faithful dead, who willingly laid down their lives on the battlefield in war, or succumbed to the perils of the deep, or of the air.

We bless You for the dauntless courage of these defenders of our nation who have fallen in the cause of truth and rightness. In Your hands, O Father, we leave their departed spirits. Grant us to follow their example in faithfulness and endurance, that we may by your grace and mercy be found worthy of the crown of everlasting life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

### **Advance Australia Fair**

### **Catafalque Party retires**