

# **Selton Hill Ecumenical Prayer Service.**

Dia is Muire daoibh a dhaoine uaisle agus céad míle fáilte roibh don áit naofa agus speisialta seo.

Cruinnimid innu ar Chnoc Shailtin, chun guí agus chun cuimhneamh ar na daoine agus na h-imeachtaí, céad bliain ó shin.

We gather here on Selton Hill, to pray and to remember the people and events, of one hundred years ago.

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us all, (for He has called us to be his body, the Church, in this world.)

We come together, to bring the life of our community before God, in remembrance, in penitence and in commitment to the future.

Let us Pray; Lord God our Creator, you call your faithful people, to advance your Kingdom in this world. Heal our divisions, unite us in your name, and draw us closer together, in proclaiming your Kingdom of justice, love and peace in our communities, and in our world. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today we stand once again in prayer at the Selton Hill Memorial, in this centenary year. We are mindful of the tragic loss of human life, and of the sufferings and sacrifices of whole families, men, women and children, in every part of our island, one hundred years ago. We ask you, Father of mercies, to grant them the promised reward in your Kingdom. And grant mercy and peace, O Lord, to the Volunteers of the South Leitrim Brigade, Flying Column No 2,

who are cherished and named, in the role honour, of today. We remember them. Nor can we forget the families, who lost loved ones, during this traumatic period of Irish history, and are still in mourning through the generations. We remember them.

And on this special Remembrance Day, we honour and name, the six young Volunteers, who tragically lost their lives here on Selton Hill, this week, one hundred years ago. Their names are forever in our hearts, and are written on this Memorial, and in the Book of Life:

**Brigadier Sean Connolly, Brigadier Seamus Wrynn,**

**Commandant Joseph O'Beirne, Captain Michael Baxter,**

**Captain John Joe O'Reilly, Lieut. John Joe O'Reilly.**

A Thiarna dean trocaire orthu. Ar dheis Dé, go raibh a n-anamacha dílse.

Lord have mercy on them. May their faithful souls rest at God's right hand.

Pause for a moment of silence

Gospel Reading Mt 5:43-48.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more

are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Let us pray: O God, healer of the broken, and reconciler of the divided, we pray for the healing of our wounded history, and acknowledge all that is good and true in our common heritage; Bless the work of all who seek to reconcile past divisions, and dedicate themselves to the causes of justice, love and peace in our land. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

God of power and might, we implore your help, for our Covid stricken world, and its peoples. Fill us with hope and courage, and take away our fear. Lord, we pray for this country, our homeland, and for all who are called to the responsibility of government, and shape our society into the future. May our leaders, both secular and religious, be guided by your Holy Spirit, and granted the gifts of wisdom, understanding and right judgement, in all things. We make our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

We have chosen to walk, in the light of Christ's forgiveness and healing. As children of the light, we pray together, in the words that Jesus has taught us:

Our Father...

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's Blessing:

May the God of peace, bless our memories, heal our divisions, and lead us into his light, and love. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.