

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*Our Lord Jesus Christ said:*

*“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”*

Almighty God and Heavenly Father,

Whose kingdom rules over all and in whom there is perfect freedom. We give you thanks on this Day for all who have served in the defence of this country.

As we remember those men and women who served – in the ranks of our Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Navy, we give thanks to you, gracious God, for their great sacrifices in conflict and in captivity – for the cause of peace and freedom.

We also give you thanks for the dedicated service of Australian military and police personnel across our world at the present time.

In our nation of wealth, prosperity and comfort, let us not forget the cost of these privileges which we now enjoy.

And may our hearts be filled with gratitude and humility towards you, Almighty God, who sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to die as a sacrifice on our behalf.

In His Name we pray. **Amen.**