



# Poppy Day

## A Day of Remembrance

"The whole earth is the sepulchre of heroes; monuments may rise and tablets set up to them in their own land, but on far-off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen or chisel has traced: it is graven, not on stone or brass, but on the living heads of humanity. Take these men for your example. Like them, remember that prosperity can only be for the free, that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it."

—*The Funeral Speech of Pericles*





## In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' Fields, the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you, from falling hands, we throw  
The torch. Be yours to lift it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow  
In Flanders' Fields.

—Lt.-Col. John McCrea.

France, 1917.

## Armistice Day Service Manitoba Public Schools

### 1.—Hymn—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come;  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure!  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come;  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

### 2.—In Flanders' Fields.

### 3.—Two Minutes Silence.

(Flag to be lowered)

### 4.—"The Supreme Sacrifice."

(Tune: "Abide With Me")

O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame:  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,  
As who had heard God's message from afar:  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave  
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,  
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

### 5.—Address.

### 6.—"O Canada."

"God Save the King"



## Lest We Forget !

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Canadians killed or died.....	65,500
Canadians wounded .....	149,732
Canadian widows .....	7,737
Fatherless children .....	3,339
Orphans .....	505
Dependent mothers and fathers.....	8,291
Partially disabled men .....	50,635
Mental cases in hospital.....	1,083
Tuberculosis ex-service men.....	10,142
Men under treatment for wounds.....	1,644

(These figures are as at March 31st, 1928—ten years after the war)



## Wearing The Poppy

on Armistice Day is not intended to glorify war, but rather to commemorate the end of the "last" war, and to keep in mind the sacrifices which this country made in a cause which it was thought would forever prevent any repetition of the gigantic slaughter which the figures above disclose.

## On This Day

we pay our respects to all those who gave all they could give—their lives, and the Poppy is symbolical of their sacrifice.

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