

Crafts:

Since it is hard to be physically present with others because of physical distancing, we can be spiritually present with others by leaving signs of hope on our windows or on our front doors. The sign of the “Poppy” tells people that we are hopeful for a peaceful world and that we remember all those who try or have tried to make it that way. Make a Poppy Wreath to hang in your window or on your outside door to show that you remember and have hope.

What you need:

- Glue
- Construction paper: red, green, black
- Paper plate or a piece of cardboard cut into a circle (a cereal box will do) for the wreath base
- A piece of string or wool to make a hanger
- Scissors

1. Cut a hole in the center of the paper plate leaving at least 2 inches or 5cm
2. Make as many poppies (see the poppy pattern below or create your own) as you need to fill the entire wreath base.
3. Attach the string or wool to the top and hang on your outside door or in a window.

Poppy pattern: https://www.bigactivities.com/crafts/rememberance_day/poppy_color.php

Flower-the poppies that grew on the battlefields were a sign of new life and hope for the future

leaf- set at 11 o clock position to remind us of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the “peace agreement” was signed. This is the day and the time we remember those who have died.

Look at the dark centre of your poppy. This is where the seeds are held- planting the seeds brings hope of new life. We can help to bring about this new life, this vision of peace that God has. We might think that we are remembering things from a long time ago, but actually this is something that we can be involved in now.

How can we help to bring peace? In our families, in our school, in the world?