



NATIONAL FISHING REMEMBRANCE DAY

12th May 2024

Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, we acknowledge that -
By your power, were the heavens and the earth established,
and the bounds of the seas set in their place.
At your command, were all the creatures of the deep brought
into being in their numerous varieties.
And in your wisdom, are we sustained and renewed
by the harvest that come from labours of those who go out to sea in their vessels.

Lord God, we give you thanks, for the work of all the charities who serve our
fishermen and their families, today and for the past years. Reminding ourselves on
this Remembrance Day of all who have served this nation in the fishing industry, and
to keep alive the memories of all those whose lives have been given in its service to
our communities.

Lord Jesus Christ, it is you who first appeared to the men by the shores of Galilee to
provide the miraculous catch, calling them each by name to commit their lives
to the care of all people.

We thank you, for all who continue in their love of families, communities, and the
nation, that same care through personal sacrifice.

We pray for the families who grieve the loss of loved ones -
those who did not return safely to them, and especially for those for whom such loss
is recent.

Spirit of Comfort, bring peace and healing to broken lives and hopes, and so comfort
those who now live with the pain of past years. And remind us again, O Lord, of your
love and care –
this day, and for years to come.

We now offer these prayers, in the name of Christ Jesus our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen



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The Fisherman's Prayer, based on Psalm 23

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift,

He lighteth me across the dark waters,

He keepeth my log.

He guideth me by the star of holiness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempests of life,

I shall dread no danger, for Thou are near me.

Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me.

Thou preparest a harbour for me in the homeland of eternity.

Thou anointest the waves with oil; my ship rideth calmly.

Surely, sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,

and I will rest in the port of my God forever.

Amen

