

- 1 Yesterday, the 7th of May, in 1945, saw the end of the Second World War in Europe. Victory in Europe - or "V.E. Day" was celebrated on this day, the 8th of May.
- 2 The Second World War continued for another 3 months until Japan surrendered in August 1945.
- 3 We'll use as our prayer today some words written by Pope Paul VI (*the sixth*) about 25 years later:
- 4 **Lord, God of peace,
we thank you for the hopes,
the efforts and the achievements
which your Spirit of peace
has inspired in our days
- stirring up love where there was hate,
sympathy where there was suspicion,
care where there was indifference.**
- 5 **Open our minds and our hearts
even more
to the specific demands
which love for others makes upon us,
so that we may be more truly
makers of peace.**
- 6 **Remember, God of mercies,
those who are oppressed,
those who are suffering and dying
for the birth of a world
in which all people
will be more truly
a single human family.**
- 7 **May your kingdom come
for all people of every race and language
- your kingdom of justice,
of peace, of love,
and may all the earth
be filled with your glory.
We make our prayer
through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

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