

2022 National Day of Commemoration

During the National Day of Commemoration at Collins Barracks in Dublin on Sunday 10 July 2022, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Right Reverend Dr John Kirkpatrick, prayed the following closing prayer during a Christian act of worship:

The love of fellow man that pays the greatest price.

The love of liberty that fires the imagination.

The love of peace that never gives up.

We acknowledge above all the Love of God encountered in the Lord Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve and give His life a ransom for many.

May He who has walked the darkest valley with us and for us, who for love of enemy has laid down His life, inspire and unite this and future generations under the beauty and vision of his gracious and lasting hope:

A hope wide enough to embrace all the broken,

Strong enough to withstand every crisis,

Deep enough to reach the weakest.

May a longing for Him, rise in every heart like the rays of a hope-filled Irish sunrise, to the praise of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.