

## **Margaret Kennedy's Service of Remembrance and Proclamation**

*Saturday 26th November 2011 at St Giles-in-the-Fields*

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

God of power

thank you for Margaret

her courage

her tenacity

her intellect

her searching mind

her self belief

God of justice

thank you for Margaret becoming a thorn in the flesh of the churches

forcing them to listen to those who are not heard

enabling them to face up to their failure and take responsibility

educating them to know the truth of pain for survivors

and the pain of truth for the churches

We praise you that Margaret has shown the churches and the world

the anger born of their abuse

the injustice of their desire to silence and disempower those who were once silenced by

fear and shame

God of love

We thank you

for giving to Margaret

this day of remembrance and proclamation

A day when the church acknowledges

and voices the suffering and pain of one woman

in whom is symbolised

the grief of other women and men

and the seeking of justice for all

God of life

as we give thanks for Margaret and her life

we pray that your living Spirit will continue to fill her

With the gifts of

friendship

solidarity with others

anger in the face of injustice

freedom of truth telling

strength to protest  
power to call to account  
and grace from remembering and proclamation

**From the depth of all our hearts**

**We offer our thanks to you, God of the dispossessed, for this one life giving hope to many through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**