

St. Therese Adult Study Series

A Time of Great Heroism and Great Tragedy – WWII from a Catholic Perspective with Father Andrie and Dr. Tod Worner

Reflection Questions for the Articles on *D-Day & The Atomic Bomb*

For the next session on December 2nd, read the articles that are available using the links below and found on our website. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: *"Lord Jesus, among the gifts most treasured that you give to humankind, thank you for the gift of freedom to seek you with heart and mind. Please bless those who have served you and the sacrifices meant to fight against oppression and moral truths make evident. Grateful for all veterans who have fought for what is right, I ask that peace sought and longed for be within their hearts and sight. Through faith and your compassion, may the struggles they have faced, give way to peaceful hopes and dreams as in prayer they are embraced. Amen."* <https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers>

First Things: Truman's Terrible Choice, 75 Years Ago <https://firstthings.com/trumans-terrible-choice-75-years-ago/>

1. Which of Truman's three choices would you have made? Do you think he made the correct choice?

Dropping the Atomic Bomb Was Wrong. Period. <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/dropping-the-atomic-bomb-was-wrong-period>

2. (Judgment by Effects) It was good that we dropped the bomb because dropping it produced good effects." What are your thoughts on this statement?

Mr. Truman's Degree G.E.M. Anscombe https://integrityproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/mr_trumans_degree.pdf

3. Do you think Truman should have received an honorary degree? Why or why not?

Weigel Interview <https://providencemag.com/video/true-north-ep-7-conversation-george-weigel-hiroshima/>

4. "...something had to be done. This had to be ended, and it had to be ended with the least bloodshed possible. And that they took that decision to use the atomic weapons at Hiroshima then..." Was Hiroshima a crime against God? Why or why not?

5. What else struck you in these articles?