

- 1 A British nurse called Edith Cavell was invited to become matron of a nurses' training centre in Brussels, Belgium. 7 years later, with the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, the place became a Red Cross hospital. During the German Occupation, she treated German soldiers sent there, and also nursed captured British, French and Belgian soldiers.
- 2 Meanwhile, over a period of months, Edith gave shelter in her house to some 200 British, French and Belgian soldiers, and then arranged for them to escape from Occupied Belgium. She was found out and arrested by the Germans. On this day in 1915, Nurse Edith Cavell was sentenced to death by the German authorities. She was executed by firing squad at 2.00am the following morning, aged 50.
- 3 With "patriotism" meaning love of one's country, Edith Cavell said:

*"I realise that patriotism is not enough.
I must have no hatred or bitterness
towards anyone."*

- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord our God,
we pray that,
no matter what happens to us,
we may grow
as people who are generous enough
to hold no hatred or bitterness
towards anyone.
Amen.**

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