

**REMEMBERING THOSE
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS**

*This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has
greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15: 12-13



We remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. We salute all those who served in the military, the police and the fire departments.

We also remember all those who sustained injury in mind and/or body in the course of their service.

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Let us pause and remember that God's Spirit fills the whole world, from the east to the west, from the desert to the mountains. Blessed are You, O God, for You have given us a share in Your life and You dwell in us and in our midst.

In the name of God our Father and Creator,
and Jesus our Brother and Savior,
and the Holy Spirit Giver of Life and Grace.
Amen.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no

hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Intercessions

Keeping in mind the thousands of men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty, we honor their memories and remember them, their families and friends in prayer.

May these women and men rejoice in the presence of the Risen Lord.

May You, O Compassionate and Loving God, be with the families and friends of those who have died.

Lord of Promise, give them consolation and hope, strength and comfort.

We pray for all who have suffered psychological and/or physical wounds in the defense of freedom and justice.

God of healing, restore them to full health in mind and body.

We pray for all the peoples of our country that we may come to appreciate the dedication and service provided to and for us by those in the military, the police and the fire departments.

Loving Lord, reward them for their labors and their sacrifice on our behalf.

May we be forever grateful to God for the freedom we possess as citizens of the United States of America.

May we work for justice and peace for all peoples and share our giftedness with others.

May greed, envy, lust for power and control be removed from the hearts of all peoples and nations.

Lord of all peoples, help us to realize that You are our God and we are all Your daughters and sons.

May we learn to wage peace so that no more people of any nation will die in war.

Lord, give us Your peace. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

O Lord, hear our pray this day and answer them as only You know best.
May we graciously accept Your will in our regard and we trust that
whatever we ask in Christ's name, You will give us. Amen.

A Blessing

May the truth that makes us free,
the hope that never dies,
and the love that casts out fear,
lead us forward together, till the dayspring breaks and the shadows flee
away.

May the peace of God that passes all understanding,
that peace which the world can neither give nor take away,
abide with us to bless us,
this day, and even forever more.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
help us to educate for peace.

Amen.

Live Jesus in our hearts.

Forever!

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Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.

