

# MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

This is the day the Lord has made.

We are grateful for the many blessings you give us each day. We come here to ponder on the words “Land of the free and home of the brave.”

Today we are here to give tribute to our service personnel who have lost their lives for our country’s freedom and our safety.

Lord, through their untiring labors and your grace our country and world is a better place. We enjoy the gift of freedom because of the battles they fought. Let us never take this privilege for granted. Grant these heroic ones the eternal peace they deserve and may they enjoy the reward they so justly deserve.

We also ask you, Father, to bless the families of the service men and women who made these sacrifices for our country. Heal the wounds they still carry with them. May you be with each of them as they pick up their lives after the loss of their loved ones. Please provide for their needs in the ways only You can do.

Send your Holy Spirit to the national leaders of the world so they can enact laws that provide for the needs of all people and bring justice to all. Help each one of us to have peace and love in our hearts so that together we can fulfill the prophecy that Isaiah speaks when he says:

“They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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