



## **We Remember and Pray**



Father in heaven, at this time, we pause to remember the ones who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this great country and for others who called for their help, and we recognize their comrades who are yet alive. As we remember them, we also want to remember their families and loved ones, who today are bereft of their presence.

We want to remember them as those who responded to their call swiftly and speedily! *As in Your word, it was said of many of them. Not one of them grows tired or stumbles, not one slumbers or sleeps; not a belt is loosened at the waist, not a sandal strap is broken.* (Isaiah 5:27 NIV)

*Like David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan, we say*

*How the mighty have fallen! How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!* (2 Samuel 1:27 NIV)

*Today, we want to remember them as Your servants through whom You work to establish justice in the rabble of nations and settle disputes in faraway places.*

*Today, we pray for the day when all nations will trade in their swords for shovels, their spears for rakes and hoes.*

*We pray for the day when nations will quit fighting each other, quit learning how to kill one another. Each man will sit under his own shade tree, each woman in safety will tend her own garden. GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, we repeat Your words, we feel for all of Your children whom You have made to live together in harmony.* (Micah 4:3-4 MSG)

*While the leaders of our countries apply Your wisdom in their dialogue with each other, may we as individual citizens live Your Words to never avenge ourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it. Don't take the law into your own hands. Instead, feed your enemy if he is hungry. If he is thirsty give him something to drink and you will be "heaping coals of fire on his head." In other words, he will feel ashamed of himself for what he has done to you. Don't let evil get the upper hand, but conquer evil by doing good.* (Romans 12:19-21 TLB)

*So, we pray as You taught Your disciples to pray*

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.* (Matthew 6:9-13 KJV)

(All texts in black are from the Holy Bible, versions indicated)

