

MEMORIAL DAY

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Memorial Day

The last Monday of May is a National Holiday paying tribute to and remembering those who gave their lives while serving in the armed forces. It is still referred to by some as Decoration Day.

Veterans Day

An official National Holiday observed every year on November 11 that honors and recognizes all veterans who served in the armed forces.

“All gave some and some gave all”

WHY MENTION AND RECOGNIZE MEMORIAL DAY AS A PART OF A WORSHIP SERVICE?

1. **REMEMBERING** is a good spiritual discipline

The word “remember” is used **150X** in the Bible

Today: *“Do this in remembrance of me”* Luke 22:19

“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your hearts as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember...” Deuteronomy 4:9-10

“Those who fail to remember history are condemned to repeat it.” George Santayana

2. **BEING THANKFUL** is a good spiritual discipline

“And he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’” Luke 22:19

The Lords Supper—The Eucharist—Thanksgiving

“...give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

3. **COMFORTING THOSE WHO MOURN** is a good spiritual discipline

“Jesus wept” John 11:35

“... Mary stood outside the tomb crying...” John 20:11

“Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15

“Blessed are those who mourn, they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

4. **PRAYING FOR PEACE** is a good spiritual discipline

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure.” Psalm 122:6

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.” Matthew 5:9

“...he will be called...the Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6

This Memorial Day Worship Service is about you having

PEACE **WITH GOD** and the PEACE **OF GOD**

5. **SACRIFICE** is a good spiritual discipline

“Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12:1