

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE US
and
THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIFE FOR US**

**A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
John 13: 34**

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**We remember our sisters and brothers
In the military
In the police and fire departments
In the helping professions; doctors, nurses, health care workers,
paramedics, teachers, social workers, those in ministry
and
Ordinary People like ourselves who contribute to the building
up of the kingdom here on earth.**

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**Coming together as the family of God, we pause and remember
that wherever two or three of us gather in His name, our Almighty
and Loving God promises to be here with us.
Holy is God, holy and mighty, holy and living forever!**

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**We have been told, we've seen His face,
and heard His voice alive in our hearts;
'Live in My love with all your heart,
as the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you.'**

**I am the vine and you are the branches,
and all who live in Me will bear great fruit.**

**You are My friends if you keep My commands,
no longer slaves, I call you friends.**

**No greater love is there than this;
to lay down one's life for a friend.**

- David Haas, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

**I have spent my life Lord,
worrying about how successful I could be
instead of living out Your commands.**

**I have spent my life, Lord,
begging for love
instead of loving You in my brothers and sisters.**

**I have spent my life, Lord,
fleeing my obligations
instead of seeking to live as a person for others.**

**I have spent my life, Lord,
worrying about my own security and well-being
instead of giving of myself in Your love.**

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1 Peter 2: 21 –24

***Christ suffered for you and left you an example
to have you follow in His footsteps.***

***When He was made to suffer, He did not counter with threats.
Instead, He delivered Himself up to the One Who judges justly.***

***In His own body He brought your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will.
By His wounds you were healed.***

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Matthew 16:24–28

***Then Jesus told His disciples,
"If any one would come after me, let them
deny themselves and take up the cross and
follow Me. For whoever would save their
life will lose it, and whoever loses their life
for My sake will find it. For what will it profit
anyone, if they gain the whole world
and forfeit their life? Or what shall a person
give in return for his/her life? For the Son of
Man is to come with His angels in the glory of
His Father, and then He will repay every
person for what they have done. Truly, I say
to you, there are some standing here who
will not taste death before they see the Son
of Man coming in His kingdom."***



Intercessions

Response: *Lord, may we imitate Your love*

That You, O God, will bless and reward all those men and women who have died in the service of our country, we pray:

That we will be inspired to a life of loving service and not count the cost, we pray:

That those who quietly, day in and day out, faithfully perform their duties to the best of their abilities, will know joy and satisfaction, we pray:

That all people and nations will come to know peace and harmony while recognizing one another as sisters and brothers, we pray:

That we will take the time to reach out to others especially in their times of need, we pray:

**Only this I want;
but to know the Lord and to bear His cross,
so to wear the crown He wore.
All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.**

**I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
so as to win the prize of the Kingdom of my Lord.**

**Let your hearts be glad, always glad in the Lord,
so as to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.**

- Dan Schutte, 1981, NARL

Prayer

**O God of Giving and Promise,
You call each of us through Baptism
to a life of dedicated service to You and to one another.
Fill us with Your love and inspire us
to give generous service without counting the cost,
to our sisters and brothers.**

**May the Spirit of Jesus fill us with a deep concern for others
while remembering that it is better to “wear out” than “rust out.”**

**May we live our lives doing good
while praising and thanking You, O God,
so that one day**

we may be invited into Your heavenly presence.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother and Savior,
Who showed us how to live and to love. Amen.**

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**Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, Whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;
And when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.**

**Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you today and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering or
will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace and put aside
all anxious thoughts and imaginations.**

– St. Francis de Sales

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**Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
inspire us to give without counting the cost.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!