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### Memorial Day Reflection

Dear Pastor,

We hope you had an excellent time of rest and reflection during this Memorial Day weekend.

While we are a day past Memorial Day, a brief review of the history of this national holiday is still instructive.

- Memorial Day originated as Decoration Day when General John Logan called for a National Day of Remembrance for fallen Civil War soldiers 155 years ago.
- After World War I the holiday transitioned to commemorate all military members who fell in battle.
- In 1950, President Truman issued [the first proclamation](#) calling on all Americans to observe Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace. This practice continues today. You can read President Biden's Proclamation on Prayer For Peace [HERE](#).



We can be thankful for the sacrifices of those who have fallen fighting for our freedoms. We can honor those who died for the principle that God has created all men to be equal; therefore, one shouldn't be enslaved due to the color of his/her skin. We can commemorate the ultimate sacrifice given by those who have died to give us religious freedom. Apart from their sacrifices, we may not have the ability to worship Christ freely.

Since the first Presidential proclamation of prayer for permanent peace, we have had over 100,000 soldiers fall in battle. As believers, we anticipate Christ's second coming and eventually bringing about permanent peace. It is through Christ's shed blood that one finds permanent peace before a Holy God. Together we can anticipate the day when we will dwell in permanent peace with Christ.

In Christ,



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PS: We encourage you to join us as we **pray** for our elected officials. This week we are praying for Representative Bob Donovan (Greenfield), Congressman Derick Van Orden (Prairie du Chien), and Representative Nancy VanderMeer (Tomah).

PPS: LEAD Wisconsin is quickly coming. Please join us by **praying** that God would bring us young men to serve as Crew at camp this summer. If you have any potential crew members in your church, we encourage you to have them apply, [HERE](#). Camp is July 16-21 (Crew arrives afternoon of 7/15). We will pay young adults 19-25 up to \$500 for joining us this year.