

Honoring Those Who Gave the Ultimate

Memorial Day was designed as a day to remember those who gave their lives defending our freedoms. Too often we have forgotten the purpose of this day. We focus more on the start of summer activities than we do honoring those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. At some point this weekend I challenge you to stop and say a word of thanks to those that gave that kind of sacrifice.

During WWII families that had members serving put a blue star in their windows. It let everyone know that a father, son or even daughter was serving their country. When a loved one died in that service they put up a gold star.

You may have seen blue stars in car windows or on lapel pins recently as that practice has come back into vogue with our current conflict. You may have even seen gold stars. Every time you do we need to say a prayer for those families and thank them if we can for paying the ultimate sacrifice. Monday, Memorial Day is their day. Let's pause at some point and remember those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We have benefited from the sacrifice of others. Not simply our freedoms we enjoy here in America paid for by the spilt blood of our troops. We benefit from sacrificial giving in countless ways in this country from schools, to hospitals to museums and more. The generosity of Americans is enjoyed by each successive generation.

Here at **Your Church** we have benefited from the generosity of past generations. We worship today in this facility due to the sacrificial giving of others before us. Without their sacrifices we would not have what we have or be able to do what we do.

This Memorial Day weekend as we honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice let's do our part for the next generation by giving to this offering. Others gave so that we can worship here. Will you give so that future generations can continue to worship here?