



Scripture for the week of May 30: (The Scriptures for this week will be from various books of the Bible to coincide with Memorial Day)

Sunday, May 30:

Scripture: John 15:13: "13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Questions: Who do you know that has served for his/her country and died? What have you done to honor them? Do you think it is important to remind others to honor those who given their life for their country? Also, shouldn't we give thanks to God for what this means for us today?

Prayer: God, thank You that we live in a country that is free to worship You. Thank You that You have called men and women to put their lives down for that freedom. Show me ways to show my appreciation when I see a service person in my midst.

Monday, May 31:

Scripture: Psalm 82:3-4: "3 Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Questions: Are you thankful to God that some have taken to heart this Scripture? Do you think that you have to be in the military to be obedient to this Scripture? What can you personally do to live out this Scripture in your own community?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You that You have called men and women to defend the weak, uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Remind me to be thankful for those who were called and died and remind me to continually pray for those who are currently serving. Show me ways to see injustice here in my community and give me the courage to defend those who are being oppressed.

Tuesday, June 1:

Scripture: Psalm 116:15: "15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants."

Questions: If God feels this way about His faithful servants, shouldn't we also feel this way about those who have served and died on behalf of others? Besides prayer, how else can we support those who are serving?

Prayer: God, thank You that You have provided faithful servants who were willing to die for others or who have died for others. Never let us give up on those fighting for freedom but let us find ways to encourage them in prayer, in person, or anyway we feel led to reach out to them.

Wednesday, June 2:

Scripture: John 14:27: "27 I leave the gift of peace with you – my peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts – instead be courageous!"

Questions: Are you willing to make this a regular prayer for those serving in the military? Is this something you also need in your own life? Is there anyone else you know that could use this prayer as well?

Prayer: Lord, I know it is not only those serving in the military that need Your peace. Continually bring to mind those who are serving You and those who I care about who desperately need to find Your peace in the midst of their circumstances. I also lift up myself that I can remember how important Your peace is in my life.

Thursday, June 3:

Scripture: Psalm 147:3: “3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Questions: Do you pray for the families of those who lost loved ones that have served our country? Don't you think it is important to remember that God does heal their wounds? Do you know of anyone today who needs to be reminded of this?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we lift up those families we know who have lost a loved one serving their country. We pray that You would comfort them and make Yourself known to them that Your heart breaks with theirs. May they sense Your peace surrounding them in the midst of their shattered heart.

Friday, June 4:

Scripture: I Corinthians 16:13: “13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. “

Questions: Don't you think this is a great prayer for persons serving our country? Can you think of anyone you need to pray this prayer for? Don't you think this is also a great prayer for us today?

Prayer: Lord, I lift up _____, who is currently serving in the military. I ask You to help them to be on their guard, to stand firm in their faith, and to be courageous and strong. I also know of others who also need to be on their guard and to stand firm and be courageous. I lift them before You now and ask that You give them what they need to do this.

Saturday, June 5:

Scripture: Romans 13:7: “7 So it is your duty to pay all the taxes and fees that they require and to respect those who are worthy of respect, honoring them accordingly.”

Questions: How well are you doing at honoring those in authority? Were you grumbling when you found out you had to pay taxes? Do you respect and honor those who are worthy of respect? How can we better show the love of Christ during these times?

Prayer: Lord God, teach us how to better respect those in authority especially when we struggle with the way they are doing things. I desire to be more and more like Jesus in how I act towards others. It is not something I can do on my own but can only do with your help.