

# LWML *Texas* District

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Meditation

## Memorial Day

Many people think of today as the beginning of summer, a day filled with BBQ, open pools, kids finishing school, vacations planned, alarms turned off, and maybe a picnic or two.

Today is so much more than just a bank holiday. It is a day when we remember those who have given their lives in service to the United States of America. They have defended people they didn't even know, costing them and their families everything. What sacrifices would you be willing to make for people you do not know? Would you die for freedom?

We as Christians have been called to stand firm in our faith. We are to pray for our enemies, and for those who persecute us. *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends* (John 15:13). *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers* (1 John 3:16).

We are to be defenders of the Gospel and of our Christian brothers and sisters. It rarely looks like dying for our faith, or physically defending our brothers and sisters in the faith in America. It is more likely to look like defending someone's reputation, doing the right thing in the midst of an evil culture, standing up for those with no voice, or even being faithful to the truth of the Gospel when it isn't agreed upon by those around us. Our lives are to be our witness to our faith.

God enables us with His Spirit to throw off the sin that so easily entangles us, and cling to His righteousness. May God strengthen your resolve to stand firm in the Truth and remember those who stood firm for our American freedom.

We know our eternal freedom is through Christ alone, and our earthly freedom is also a gift from God to be used for His purpose.

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