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As citizens of this country, we should express our sincere gratitude for those who have fallen in the service of our country. These men and women paid the ultimate price for our many freedoms. As believers, it reminds us that Jesus Christ, too, gave the ultimate sacrifice. He laid down his life out of love for you and me to secure a freedom far greater than any earthly freedom. As we remember those who have fallen, praise Jesus for his true love and sacrifice, and for teaching us about eternal freedom.

On this most solemn of patriotic days, pray that God continues to guard and keep our fellow citizens who are serving in the military. And, pray that God brings peace and comfort for the loved ones of the fallen. If you'd like to support LMSG's ministry, place your gift in the AMMO can at your church. Or, donate online at lutheranmilitary.org/support-our-cause/. This is another way to show your Christian care and concern for those who are willing to go into harm's way for our country's sake. May God bless you and our nation on Memorial Day and always.

In Christ,

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