

Reflections – April/May/June 2008

APRIL

“The character of our children tomorrow depends on what we put into their hearts today” --Author unknown

Thank you, Lord, for the children you entrust to our care. Help us to mold these young people into positive, caring individuals. Guide us as we empower them to become responsible citizens.

Grant unto them the courage and strength necessary to make the right decisions as they journey through life. Equip them with kindness and compassion so that the legacy they leave behind will be etched in the hearts of all whose lives they touch.

Continue to assist us, as an organization, as we support those who work with these young people.

We ask this in your name, Amen.

MAY

“That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain...” -- Abraham Lincoln

Father, we lovingly remember the men and women who have given their lives in service to our Nation. Permit us to enshrine their memory in gratitude for the priceless heritage and abundance of opportunities we enjoy as free people because of their sacrifices.

Allow us to see beyond our divisions and to embrace our common humanity with one another. Aid us in our resolve to never forget those who gave their last full measure for America. Guide us as we dedicate our own lives toward fostering peace throughout the World.

As we honor their memory, we are reminded of the loved ones who remain, bearing the burden of their absence. Bless and sustain them with Your peace and comfort and with solace that their loss was not in vain. Amen.

JUNE

“One who lets slip by the opportunity to serve another, misses one of the riches experiences life has to offer.” – Pali Text

God, with gratitude we thank you for your love and countless blessings. Enable us to feel your courage and profound peace within us, embracing and guiding us.

Open our hearts to hear your words that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to others. Help us not to get so caught up in yesterday's dreams and tomorrow's hopes that we pass by the opportunities of today.

Make each of us a channel of your goodness and an instrument of your peace.

Direct us in all our doings; that in all our works begun, continued and ended, will glorify you. Amen.

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