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“The Cross is the central event in time and eternity, and the answer to all the problems of both.”
- Oswalt Chambers

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Galatians 6:14

*“We have the freedom to pray and the freedom to have the God of our heart.
And we have been forgiven by the only one who could condemn us. We are truly free.”*
- Max Lucado

We are reminded by Abraham Lincoln why we should remember:

“. . . We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nations has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.”
- President Abraham Lincoln

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: (V. 24) And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

We Remember the Body:

*“History is replete with individuals who upon the altar of the Body of Christ,
and in example of His sacrifice gave their body for the sake of freedom.”*

*“Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it:
and my body I recommend to the earth . . . nothing doubting but as the general resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mercy and power of God.”*
- John Hancock

(Signer of the Declaration of Independence.)

*“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children
in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”*
- President Ronald Reagan

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

The Cup:

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. (V. 26) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

“The struggle now going on for the world will never be decided by bombs and rockets, by armies or military might. The real crisis we face today is a spiritual one; at root, it is a test of moral, will, and faith.”

- President Ronald Reagan

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matthew 26:39

“Providence has showered on this favored land blessings without number, and has chosen you as the guardians of freedom, to preserve it for the benefit of the human race. May He who holds the destinies of nations make you worthy of the favors He has bestowed and enable you, with pure hearts and pure hands and sleepless vigilance, to guard and defend to the end of time the great charge He has committed to your keeping.”

- President Andrew Jackson

“His spotless life in His earnest enforcement of the truth—His suffering in its defense, forbid us to suppose that His was suffering an illusion of a heated brain. Every act of His pure and holy life shows that he was the author of truth, the advocate of truth, the earnest defender of truth, and the uncompromising sufferer for truth.”

- Daniel Webster

(US Secretary of State)