

Memorial Day in the United States
A Time to Remember Those Who Died
In Service to their Country and for the Cause of Freedom

<u>Major Wars</u>	<u>Number Who Died</u>
Revolutionary War (1775-1783)	4,435
Civil War: North and South (1861-1865)	620,000
World War I (1917-1918)	116,516
World War II (1941-1945)	405,399
Korean War (1950-1953)	36,574
Vietnam War (1964-1973)	58,220
Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)	383
Iraq War (2003-2011)	4,505
Afghanistan War (2001 – May 24, 2021)	<u>2,448</u>
Total	1,248,480

Stand Firm! (Part 1)

Philippians 4:1-23

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*Therefore, my brothers, whom I love
and long for, my joy and my crown, stand
firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

(Philippians 4:1)

I. Stand firm for the unity of our church
(vv.2-3, 5)

A. Help people solve conflicts (vv.2-3).

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. (vv.2-3)

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reasonableness (ESV); gentleness (NIV); considerate (NLT); graciousness (CSV)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil.2:3-4)

“This gentleness must not be confused with being a wimp, with the kind of person whose personality is akin to a wet dishcloth. What is in view here is a certain kind of willed, self-effacing kindness.”

- D.A. Carson

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II. Stand firm in the Joy of the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. (v.4)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Rom.8:28)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Rom.8:29).

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