“I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES”
—Job 19:25—

On Memorial Day, a spirit of patriotism gathers people across the United States to remember and honor all who died in service to our country. This year our hearts likewise embrace first responders, medical professionals, and all caregivers in service to their fellow citizens who are suffering, and perhaps dying, during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Our great love and respect for those who have died comes from our profound Easter faith that eternal life has triumphed over death. When we gather to remember and honor the life of someone who has died, we often pray what we believe: “In [Christ] the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.” (Preface I: The Hope of Resurrection in Christ).

Because the love of God gives us eternal life, we remember and honor the women and men who have given their lives.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bob Kelly, OP

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