
A Special Memorial Day Message from Rebecca Mellos



Human Resources



For many, Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer as pools open and grills are lit. While the season begins in earnest, this day is not about our summer traditions. It carries a far deeper meaning and calls us to collective remembrance.

On this Memorial Day, I find myself reflecting on a thread that runs through my own family's story. In 1620, my ancestors, Mary and William Brewster, journeyed to America aboard the Mayflower in pursuit of the freedom to live and worship without fear of persecution. Like so many who made that passage, their hope was not only for their own family and friends, but for generations yet to come. They envisioned a land rooted in the promise of liberty and justice for all.

That hope has endured for centuries. It has also been protected, time and again, by those who stepped forward in service to others, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice and never returned home.

Today, we pause to remember those lives. To remember with intention. To honor those whose

sacrifice secures the freedoms we now hold. In the Gospel of Mark, we are reminded that true greatness is not found in being served, but in serving others. We read that “even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

I am deeply grateful for the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our country. The same freedom first sought by those like William Brewster endures today because it is secured at great and ongoing cost. We must never take lightly the price at which our freedom is preserved.

May God bless our troops, and may He continue to bless America.

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