

May 25, 2020 Daily Devotional:

Psalm 13

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How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

2

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

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and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

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But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

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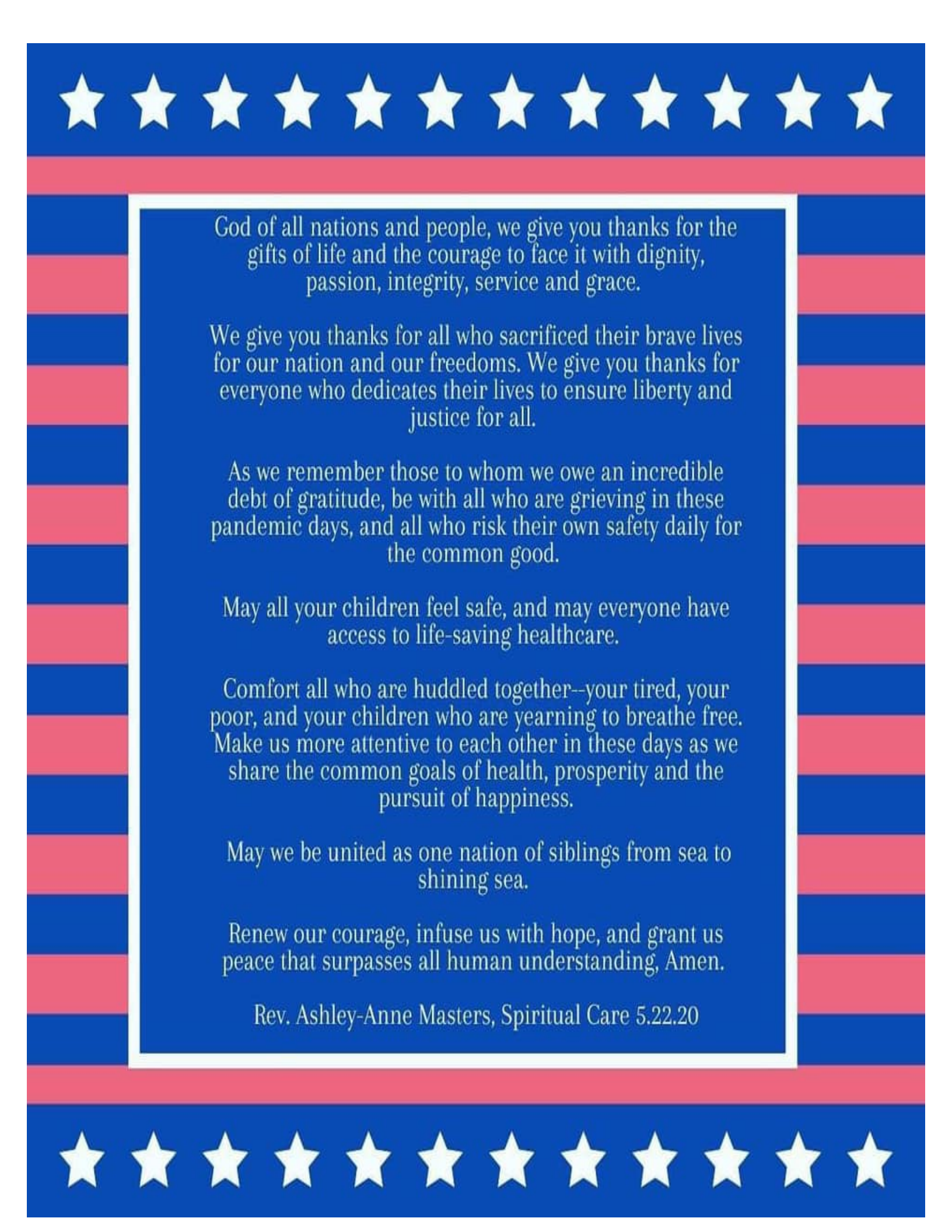
I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Verse 2 is a question that so many have asked during this Pandemic, war, and when pain is experienced...

"How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?"

The trust that the Psalmist places in God's steadfast love does not lead to an easy fix, and yet they do it anyway. God is beyond nations, time, borders, pandemic, and war. God's heart breaks when their creation suffers. God is steadfast, friends. God is love.

On this Memorial Day, let us pray using the words of my friend and colleague, the Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters...



God of all nations and people, we give you thanks for the gifts of life and the courage to face it with dignity, passion, integrity, service and grace.

We give you thanks for all who sacrificed their brave lives for our nation and our freedoms. We give you thanks for everyone who dedicates their lives to ensure liberty and justice for all.

As we remember those to whom we owe an incredible debt of gratitude, be with all who are grieving in these pandemic days, and all who risk their own safety daily for the common good.

May all your children feel safe, and may everyone have access to life-saving healthcare.

Comfort all who are huddled together—your tired, your poor, and your children who are yearning to breathe free. Make us more attentive to each other in these days as we share the common goals of health, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness.

May we be united as one nation of siblings from sea to shining sea.

Renew our courage, infuse us with hope, and grant us peace that surpasses all human understanding, Amen.

Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters, Spiritual Care 5.22.20