

*Particularly on Veterans Day ...*

**We Remember ...**

**Our Deployed / POW-MIAs /  
Deceased...**



There is a small table in a place of honor at the center of our worship space.

It is set for one.

This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our military / veterans community are missing from our midst.

They are our brothers and sisters who are deployed represented by the yellow bow on the vase ... our brothers and sisters commonly called POWs (prisoners of war) or MIAs (missing in action) represented by the red bow ... and our brothers and sisters who have died represented by the white bow.

They are unable to be with us today and so we remember them.

- This Table set for one is small -- symbolizing the frailty of one alone against all odds. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Tablecloth is white -- symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Red, Yellow and White Roses displayed in a vase remind us of the families and loved ones of our brothers and sisters who keep the faith awaiting their return, or mourn them in their passing. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Red Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase reminds us of those who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Yellow Ribbon reminds us of those who bear witness "Til the last one comes home." Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The White Ribbon reminds us to work for the day when we will no longer need ribbons of remembrance. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Candle is lit -- symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- There is Salt upon the bread plate -- symbolic of the families' tears as they wait to be reunited. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Glass is inverted -- They cannot share with us this night. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- The Chair -- The chair is empty. They are not here. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**
- All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**

Litany of Thanks ... Please speak out loud the name(s) of veterans dear to you ...

- Until the day we meet them again. Remember! **R:/ We remember!**