

President Truman has by proclamation fixed today, Sunday, May 13, as a day of prayerful thanksgiving for victory and prayerful petition to God for an early victory over Japan. Today is also Mother's Day. Mothers everywhere, ^{Mothers who hope their little ones will not have to fight another war} mothers whose hearts bleed for the return of their boys will undoubtedly pray, and perhaps more fervently than any others. But their prayer will not be alone, for who among us, ^{possessors} ~~who has~~ a better spirit in their hearts, can let this day pass without thanking the God who rules the universe for the triumph of our armies, ~~yet~~, the triumph of right over the might which fell under the command of an evil and unchristian influence; and who among us, even though he may feel unworthy to lift up his voice, will fail before this day is over to pray in his heart for an early victory over Japan. ^{We pray America today God} As for me, unworthy as I feel, ~~I~~ thank ~~you~~ that victory and peace has come to Europe; ~~and~~ I thank him for the lives that have been saved and pray that those who have lost their lives will not have lost them in vain and that the suffering and grief of those bereaved maybe tempered and solaced not only by the healing of time but by the realization of the great cause for which they gave their lives. And I am sure each of ^{you} ~~us~~ listening will join me in saying to the Omnipotent Deity, ~~and~~ ^{and} Almighty God, ^{may} ~~for~~ infinite wisdom, lead us to do the things which will make us worthy of another victory, inspire us, ^{lead us} ~~so that we will be armed~~ ^{arm us} with the ~~irresistible~~ irresistible weapons of truth, goodness and charity. Give us victory, and God grant that it will be at the lowest cost possible in human lives, ^{and} and after the conflict is stilled, when the cannons no longer ^{roar} ~~boom~~, crown our efforts, we petition, with a peace founded upon the principles proclaimed by Thy Son.

a peace enshrined in the hearts & souls of men,

Jesus Christ, a peace that will last, ~~and in which Thy Will can be worked more~~

~~evenly and certainly.~~