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At this time of year it is quite appropriate to reflect, ponder, and give thanks to those we know and love, as well as to those whom we may not know on a personal basis, but serve us on a daily basis.

Our National, State, and Local Government leaders deserve our thanks as well as remembrance. After our Families and Friends, we should all help and give gratitude to those Brave individuals in our Armed Forces who guard and protect our way of life and our individual Liberties. Too often in today's modern world, it is easy to forget the blessings which we have due to the service of others.

In keeping with the true spirit and Meaning of Christmas and all Holidays at this time of year, I would like to give a few sentences from a speech by a famous American who had very profound wisdom when he said" I now see before me people who are strangers to me. Still we are bound together, I trust in Christianity, civilization and patriotism, and are attached to our country and our whole country.

While some of us may differ in political opinions, still we are all united in one feeling for the Union." Abraham Lincoln offered these words on his way to Washington, in Indiana, a few short hours after leaving Springfield Illinois on Feb 11,1861. This message is still true today and is especially important to us at this special time of the year. For after all though we may have different thought and opinions about politics and religion, we are all still united in the common cause of our great Nation. This is what we all need to remember and give thanks to God in our own way.

God Bless These United States of America and all who inhabit this Great Nation. A very Merry Christmas and The Best of a Happy New Year to all.

In Fraternity Charity and loyalty
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