REMEMBER THEM

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Remember them when you walk with freedom. Remember them when you think of liberty. Remember them when your children get on the school bus. Remember them while you sleep without fear.

Remember them when you are hungry or lonely.

Remember them when you thirst for knowledge.

Remember them when you cannot see the light or hear the birds sing.

Remember them when you are lost and need hope.

Remember them when those less fortunate come your way.

Remember them when someone is unkind.

Remember them - forgive and be compassionate.

Remember them when you see injustices. Remember them and know your voice can be heard. Remember them and stand up for what is right.

Remember them and know that we are all equal. Remember them and know that our children become what they see. Remember them and know that your actions determine history.

Remember them when others say, "You cannot..." *Remember them* when you know you can. *Remember them* when it is difficult to see the good. Remember them and know that obstacles are really opportunities. Remember them and know the greatest success often comes from failure. Remember them and know you have so much to give.

Remember them and walk the path of peace.

Remember them and never give up.

Remember them and reach for the stars.