Memorywork

Set an altar with an open Bible, a crucifix, candles (unlit), a globe to represent the missions and a World Mission Rosary which can be obtained from the Missionary Childhood Office. Ask participants to fill a bowl or basket with names of those loved ones whom they wish to remember at this prayer service and throughout the month of November. This poem was written by two Jewish Rabbis, Jack Riemer and Sylvan D. Kamens. It is recited publicly in Australia every year on November 11th, our Veteran’s Day and their Remembrance Day, both days recalling the end of World War I in 1911. It is commonly chanted as a “Call and Response” poem or prayer.

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In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
℞ We remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,
℞ We remember them.
In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
℞ We remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of the summer,
℞ We remember them.
In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
℞ We remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
℞ We remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength,
℞ We remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
℞ We remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
℞ We remember them.
So long as we live, so too shall they live, for they are now a part of us,
℞ As we remember them.