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STRAY THOUGHTS  
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The war is over! Victory is won! The alarm of war has been silenced. The huge streams of blood has stopped. The diverse forms of suffering on the battlefields have ended. Anxiety and worries in so many hearts here at home has moved to give room for joyful hopes. The dark and gloomy clouds, which have been hanging over the world's most powerful nations have dispersed. A new, lighter day has dawned. And although we, who live so far from the frontlines of the war and haven't seen the clouds of smoke and dust, which have risen over the troops, it is still like the sky above us looks bluer and is smiling more than it has done for months. As a nation we have for a long time focused our energy and resources on intensive work for the war. Now we can begin to spend more focus on the peace at hand.

The war is over! Let us not forget in this time of pure joy to reverently give the first and greatest honor to God. Let us not as a nation become presumptuous and proud but instead regard ourselves as tools in the hand of the Lord, to secure better situations to the people on the earth instead of what would be expected of the self-centered violence.