

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
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Let us turn together in this circle of remembrance as the light
shines through our words.

And we lift our gaze toward the sky to honor the men and women
who risk their lives in the line of duty.

See their courage gleaming through the glass, spilling through
the words of our love.

Band with us to celebrate the beloved behind every star.

Draw on their courage, their strength, their honesty.

Let us raise our heads together into this spiral of memory

to honor the sacrifice that ripples through time, through the
generations.

Never do we have the gift of goodbye.

The only choice is to carry on, make our peace.

An object in motion keeps moving forward.

The voices of the fallen echo everyday,
their reflection mirrored in the warmth of a smile,
the glint of an eye, the tilt of a head.

The time spent together was too short
and the missing long.

They are the fallen
and we must not fall.

We can move back or forward, upwards or down, but we can't remain still.

We must rise to protect, as they did.

In their honor we must persist,

turn our pain into compassion,

never forget the man, woman, child they were,

and lift our heads as we ascend toward the light.

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