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Prayer of Remembrance

Memories may be one of the most valuable things in life. The memories that we hold are unique to us and cannot be shared in the same distinctness in which they are held. I have many memories, both very vivid and vague. Some of my memories are connected to a certain smell, like a very specific vanilla smell that my grandma puts in her homemade soap when there's a holiday or birthday coming up. When I was younger, I would go to my grandparents’ house often and my grandma would always have my sister and I do crafts with her before eating dinner, watching a movie, and going to bed. My grandma is a very crafty person, and she would often be making soap that she would later sell or give as gifts to friends. My favorite soap that she makes is a plain, white vanilla bar of soap that has a warm vanilla smell to it. I don't know what it was, but I always loved smelling the vanilla soap, and now whenever I smell that smell I think of the vanilla bar. Other memories that I have revolve around games or puzzles, specifically a Wizard of Oz puzzle that was in my great grandparents’ living room under the end table next to the couch. We would go over to my great grandpa's house every Sunday after church and bring him donuts, but as a younger kid, talking for an hour or two is not very appealing. Luckily, there was a Wizard of Oz puzzle under the end table that I would pull out every Sunday and complete. The puzzle was only 50 pieces or so, but it kept me entertained for the hour. These memories that we all hold give us a sense of remembrance and connection to those we love. Our memories are things that we cherish greatly and cannot be traded, nor forgotten. Lord, please help us hold onto our memories and give us the wisdom to share our memories with others so that they may experience what we have experienced. Guide us to keep the memories alive of the loved ones that we have lost, as well as continue the memories with our family and friends who are with us here. Thank You for the gift of memories and let us realize the value of our own memories.

Amen.