

This is Sam Vitale for Voices.... Subject: Take a Knee?

To the NFL players who took a knee during the playing of the National Anthem...so you want to take a knee? Take a trip to Valley Forge in January. Then take a knee.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. Over 60,000 Americans died in those jungles. There was no playbook or million-dollar contracts for doing your job, but they understood what our flag represented. When they came home they were protested by their fellow Americans. Then take a knee while they spit on you.

There's a lot of places to take a knee. Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your protest, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled it defending our liberty.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans...just American men and women on the land, air and sea, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us so you would have the opportunity to dishonor their service by "taking a knee".

If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for both our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all...because He is the one who provides those things.

But no protesting allowed. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. May he continue to bless America, the ignorant and selfish sinners we all are. What an incredible gift He has given us!

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Have a Blessed Day.