

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Eternal Lord God, who alone governs the heavens and rules the raging seas, mercifully take under Your Almighty and most precious protection our Country's armed forces members. Preserve them from danger upon the sea, on the land, and in the air, and from the violence of the enemy, that they may be a safeguard for our Country and a security for its people; that we may in peace and quietness serve You, our God, to the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

O God Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, we ask that You will strengthen and protect the members of the armed forces of the United States of America. In the day of battle, may they be courageous and strong, resourceful and capable, resolute and victorious. In the time of peace, may they serve with dignity and honor, as effective emissaries of good will for this Nation. May their devotion and loyalty to You and to their homeland inspire them in moments of challenge, and comfort them in tribulation and long separation from loved ones. And finally, we ask that they may return safely to serve You and our Country in the days and years to come. **Amen.**

Medal of Honor

Almighty God, we are here today to pay tribute to men of our Nation who have been bestowed the highest award our Nation can offer to her fighting men and women. They have answered the call of courage and bravery by offering themselves in self-sacrifice and beyond the call of duty. Accept our thanksgiving for their sacrifices and acts of bravery and courage. Let our spirits be proud of them. May Your Holy presence be with us now. We pray in Your Holy Name. **Amen.**

Pearl Harbor Day

Heavenly Father, we are gathered here to commemorate those who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. Let us always honor the memory of the brave men who sacrificed so that we may experience freedom in a Country that is free. Let us be reminded of life, liberty, justice, freedom and democracy that we may be ever grateful to You and those veterans who gave so much for their Country. We ask Your blessing upon us this day and grant unto us Your continued fellowship that makes abiding peace. **Amen.**

Korean War Remembered

() years ago the Korean War ended. Hundreds of thousands of young men and women served their country in that War and thousands gave their lives.) Let us pray.

O Lord, we thank You for the sacrifices our Korean Veterans made for us and for peace. We gather here in these moments to remember them. We pray that You would bless and protect all Your people. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony that we may serve You and Your people in keeping with Your Holy Will. May this day be a day of commemoration and honor to those who sacrificed in order to give South Koreans liberty and assure greater freedom in our world. **Amen.**

Vietnam War Remembered

Almighty God, we are here today to pay tribute to brave men and women, living and dead, who have gone to a distant land called Vietnam. Accept our thanksgiving for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of

their families. Cause us to never to take for granted their devotion to liberty. Grant, we pray, joy and fulfillment to those still living; and for those who are at rest, remember them, O Lord, in Your mercy, and have compassion on us. Make us a generation of wisdom, discipline, and good faith. **Amen.**

Prayer for Prisoners Of War

O Lord God, some of our comrades and companions are prisoners of war. Comfort them, we pray, in their isolation from their homes and loved ones; supply their needs and protect them from want and deprivation; strengthen and sustain them day after day that they may face discouragement with courage and hardship with resolution. Grant they may find patience to endure and peace in the knowledge of Your continuing presence. **Amen.**

Independence Day

As our Nation unites again to celebrate the gift of liberty, we give thanks for all those patriots and defenders of our Nation's ideals who have sacrificed so much for the sake of others. Give to us a renewed dedication to the preservation of the finest principles of freedom and justice which have shaped our Nation's destiny, and help us to call to mind the part that Your revealed truth has had in bringing this all about. To You we give all honor and praise. **Amen.**

Prayer for The President

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, be with the President of these United States to guide him/her with Your wisdom, to assist him/her in the discharge of his/her duties, that under his/her leadership we may preserve our Nation's integrity, guard her against all enemies, and keep her a bulwark of freedom and justice and a beacon of love and hope to light the way to a world of peace. **Amen.**

Training School/Conference

Almighty God, we thank You for our being together in this training experience. Inspire us to put into practice what we learn so that our Districts and Posts may be bastions of loyalty, honor and service to our community, State and Nation. In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

Gracious God, we are thankful for this opportunity to gather as comrades/sisters once more. We ask for Your guidance for the leadership of our District/Department. We ask for open minds and receptive hearts as we begin our training event. May it be profitable for us, our Posts and our communities. This we pray in the Name of our Lord God. **Amen.**

End of Year

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year we have completed in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for its successes, and for the strength You have given us to overcome its failures. As we face a new year together, give us patience and understanding for all our comrades/sisters, wisdom in our decisions, and Your aid in building a better (VFW/Auxiliary) organization. Bestow Your special blessings upon all who will assume the duties of leadership this day, so that we may continue to serve our God and our Country. **Amen.**

(For the Sick) Lord, Almighty God, we pray Your healing grace in behalf of *(name)*. May *(name)* know the blessing of good health in this hour and throughout life. Bless all who minister to *(name)* in body, mind and spirit and grant that we may always give praise to you, our Heavenly Father. **Amen.**

O God the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully accept our prayers in behalf of our comrades and loved ones who are ill or shut-in, remembering especially *(name)*. We know not what is best for them, but You know. Grant them patience and endurance, relief from pain and suffering, and, if it be Your will, the blessing of a swift recovery, and finally that they may dwell with You in life everlasting. **Amen.**

(For World Peace) O God, source of all holy desires, right counsels and just works, grant us that peace which the world cannot give, so that we may be obedient to Your commands and that under Your protection, we may enjoy peace in our days and freedom from fear of our enemies. We ask this in Your great and holy Name. **Amen.**

(Traveler's Prayer) God our Father, You led Abraham from his home and guarded him all his wanderings. You guided him safely to the destination You had chosen for him. Be with us now as we travel. Be our safety every mile of the way. Make us attentive, cautious and concerned about our fellow travelers. Make our highways safe and keep us from all danger. Guide us to our destination for today and may it bring us one day closer to our final destination with You. We pray this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

(For Volunteers) John Wesley once prayed, "*O Lord, let us not live to be useless.*"

Let us offer our prayer:

O God, these good people have chosen **not** to be useless. They have volunteered their time and talents. We thank You for their precious gifts of service. We pray that You would keep them steadfast in their volunteer work and ministry; that it will continue to be a blessing to others and to those who volunteer. Help us so to live as to add more joy to the world, and the glory of Thy Name. **Amen.**

(For President's Month) Dear Heavenly Father, we gather here in this month of Presidents, giving thanks for this great Country and for the many freedoms afforded us under her flag. We are mindful of the many men and women who gave their all to preserve those freedoms. May their souls rest in peace. And for those suffering ravages of wars in hospitals and homes, we ask a special blessing. And, dear Lord, for the good of us all, we reverently ask that "God Bless America!" **Amen.**

(Prayer of St. Francis) Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal life. **Amen.**