

## PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS

### PRAYERS OF INVOCATION (Opening)

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we come into Your presence in hope and thanksgiving. We commit ourselves into Your loving hands and in Your mercy. We ask Your blessings upon us, Your servants of our Veterans of Foreign Wars, and especially our \_\_\_\_\_.  
Give him/her wisdom and guidance as he/she endeavors to serve our fellow veterans. Help us all to live our lives that we may be worthy children of Your family. Help us to be good neighbors. Where we have trespassed against them and sinned against You, we ask Your pardon and forgiveness. For these and all good gifts, we thank You. In Your Name we pray. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank You for bringing us together this day. Inspire us to worthy deeds and sound decisions and direct us toward the attainment of our goal. We pray that You would bless and protect all of our people. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony that we may serve You and Your people in keeping with Your Holy Will. **Amen.**

With humble hearts and a sense of our responsibility, yet proud of the confidence placed in us by our comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; with hearts grateful for the rich heritage bequeathed to us by our fathers, yet also determined to be ever vigilant to preserve it, we ask Your blessings, O God, on this conference (meeting), that it may be fruitful in its accomplishments and lasting in the good it effects. Be with us, O God, in our deliberations. Inspire us with Your wisdom, direct us in our thinking, and guide us as we work for You, our Nation, and our comrades. **Amen.**

Be with us, O Lord, as we gather for this important conference (convention/meeting). May Your wisdom and counsel guide us as we seek to develop and authorize programs to benefit the citizens and especially the veterans of this great land.  
Teach us to think wisely and carefully before we speak, to act with courage and conviction for the good of all rather than simply for vested interests, and to deal charitable with one another that we may all continue to enjoy mutual respect.  
So may we serve You in spirit and in truth that our accomplishments will be built upon the firm foundation of charity and justice. Thus may our work both in our public sessions and our committees bring credit to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and be of benefit to those we seek to serve, to Your great honor and glory. **Amen.**

**(For the year completed)** Our Father, we thank You for the year we have completed, 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, wisdom in our decisions, and Your aid in building a better Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. Bestow Your special blessings upon all who assume the duties of leadership. Walk with each of us in heart and mind, day by day, so that we may continue to serve our God and our Country. **Amen.**

**(For Sunday)** “This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” O Lord, we thank You for every day but especially for this day, The Lord’s Day. We thank You for the privilege of life and the blessings we enjoy through Your graciousness to our Country, the land in which we are given the freedom of speech, religion, and the pursuit of happiness. Assist us to know You better. Grant us the beauty of a humble spirit, the strong courage and will to continue to glorify You in what we do this day and every day. In Your Name we pray. **Amen.**

O Eternal God, who has committed to us the swift and solemn trust of life, since we know not what a day may bring, but only that the hour for serving You is ever-present, may we wake to the instant claims of Your Holy Will, not waiting for tomorrow but responding today. We ask that You will move us to lay to rest the resistance of foolishness, indolence, selfishness, or fear for what the tomorrow may hold. Consecrate with Your presence and blessing the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and our Auxiliary in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_, and more especially in this Post. May the programs developed here be to Your everlasting glory and to the benefit of this community. May the fellowship enjoyed here ripen into life-long friendships, mutual respect, and love among us all. **Amen.**

**(Dedication of Post)** Our Gracious Father, You have cautioned us that You will require much of those to whom much is given: Grant that we, whose lot is cast in such goodly circumstance and so rich a heritage, may strive together through generosity, diligence, and our earnest labors, complete the tasks to which we have set our hands and the programs we have pledged to undertake. May the dedication of this Post home be a symbol and a reminder of our dedication to serve our God, our Country, our community, our State, our Nation, and the veterans of this great land in their need as we are able. All this we ask of You our Heavenly Father. **Amen.**

Lord, You are Creator of all that is. We come into Your presence this day with thankful hearts. We give thanks to You for the bounty of Your blessings, for the sharing between peoples, for the love of families, friends, comrades and sisters. O God, we ask Your strength and guidance throughout this day, that we may do our best to serve You and represent our respective Posts. Grant that Your blessings upon this (convention/meeting), each participant, and the work they represent. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who’s great Commandment is that we shall love our neighbors as ourselves, and who has taught us that we should do to others as we would have them do to us, we ask Your blessing upon the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_. As our purpose is to help our fellow citizens and especially those who have served this Nation with honor in time of conflict, and to promote all that serves well our communities and our State and nation, so we pray that You will enlighten our minds with a clear vision of Your will for us, inspire our determination to follow that vision of Your will in our deliberations, and strengthen our hands in all our undertakings. May the programs developed here inspire and enrich the lives of our fellow citizens; may the dedication offered here be a source of strength on our communities; that our work may bear fruit worthy of our ideals and aspirations under You, O Father. In You Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing upon the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its work (in this State). We gather today (tonight) at this convention/conference to hear reports from the many committees which plan our programs and undertakings. May we learn from these reports not only what we are doing but what we must do to continue as effective servants of our veterans, our God

and Country, and our community. Teach us anew the importance of working together as a team with a common goal. Warn us again against letting petty political concerns and self interests cloud our judgment. Encourage us yet once more with a vision of an America at peace both within our borders and without. Guide our thoughts and our decisions, that we may effectively serve You, this Nation, and our fellow veterans in the days ahead. And may we know the blessings of Your presence in our deliberations. All this we ask in the Name of Lord God Almighty. **Amen.**

Guide us now in being friendly and generous toward one another. Instill in us faith and knowledge, and let all of us have the ability to live at peace within ourselves. O Lord, show the people of our Nation the right way to serve and guard the sacredness of all orderly freedoms. Let us realize that You have given us riches not given to any other nation under the sun, and let us be ever grateful, and accept the responsibilities which they entail. You are our God, and to You we would ascribe all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

O God our Heavenly Father, we pray that You will be with us at this time to guide our work in this (convention/meeting). Grant us the wisdom to seek Your will in all that we undertake, and the courage to follow in the direction You would have us to go. In seeking to serve our God and Country, may our efforts be of benefit to our fellow veterans and all the people of our community.

We pray for peace, and we pray for all who serve the public that they may discharge their duties capably and with honor and dignity. We pray for our comrades and for all our fellow citizens that we may enjoy an even-handed justice in all our dealings; that we may always know the blessings of freedom purchased for us at so great a cost; that we may with loyalty serve this land in a true spirit of Democracy. Bless the United States of America, and grant that this Nation may live in peace among the nations of the world. We pray also, O Lord, for our comrades in hospitals or in homes, who are suffering from mental and physical illness or disability. Comfort them with a sense of Your continuing presence, cheer them with the knowledge of Your love, and grant them the blessings of health and happiness. All this we ask in Your Holy Name. **Amen.**