

VETERANS' DAY PRAYERS

Let us remember before our God today, those who sacrificed during times of war in order that we might have liberty and freedom and security.

- Veterans both living and dead who fought on land, in the air, and on the water;
- The men and women in labor and industry who provided the machinery and weapons of war.

Eternal God, who alone rules the destinies of nations, and who has deemed that men and women should live together in peace. We pray for those who fought a good fight and finished the course. On this day we call to remembrance those who served in far off places and have laid down their arms to march into that land of eternal peace. We also call to remembrance all veterans who served in the Armed Forces of our Nation and contributed to the greatness of our national defense. We are indeed grateful for their service and sacrifice. And, if it were not for the men and women in our factories, their victories would not have been sustained. Keep sacred all their sacrifices in our hearts. Keep holy our course in Your sight. Enkindle within us a flame of selfless, unwavering devotion to duty that we may never be found wanting in those qualities of spirit and mind which alone are able to preserve our homes, the peace of our nation, and the tranquility of the world. In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

(Benediction) Our Heavenly Father, we ask for Your benediction to rest on us this day. As You have graciously preserved our Nation through the years, and have led us in wondrous ways, grant that we may be worthy of our high calling as a Nation. **Amen.**

Gracious God, thank You for disclosing Yourself to humanity through the ages and even now through Your love shared by Your children everywhere.

Today, Lord, we remember and honor the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in war that we might live in peace. Let our acts become living memorials to their service. In a special way call to our remembrance the many who die today in wars of liberation. We know that all is not well in the world and that it needs to be better. May we find a way of being concerned enough to understand and begin to help.

Be with our President and all the men and women who make national policy, that they may be guided by the spirit of peace. Strengthen our efforts as a leader of nations to work with other nations in deeds which will enhance the common good. Forgive us as individuals who fail in our own citizenship and increase our resolve to make tomorrow meaningful to today's children. May we find that rededicating our lives to our Country, to the world which we are citizens and to our God, we will be strengthened and uplifted by Your Spirit. In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

O Lord Almighty, remember those who died fighting to protect the dignity and the freedom of mankind. Let our hearts be compassionate and our minds clear and determined in giving them honor and respect. And let us be dependent on the loving kindness of the Lord our God. As we remember the departed, let us be courageous protectors and true guardians of freedom. Let us be the true masters of brotherly love. O Lord, guide us in the way of moral responsibility; enlighten us and make us true believers in morality and justice. Let this day be a day of commemoration and honor to all those who sacrificed in order to give us liberty, and our nation security. Remember them, O Lord, in Your mercy, and have compassion on us. Make us a generation of wisdom, discipline, and good faith. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask that Your blessing be bestowed on our friends and loved ones. We thank You for this opportunity to share with them this special occasion to honor our veterans. Let us always honor the memory of those brave men and women who sacrificed so that we may experience freedom in a country that is free. Heavenly father, keep their families in Your kind

care. Bless them and comfort them in their time of sorrow. Let us be reminded of Life, Liberty, Justice, Freedom, and Democracy, that we may be ever grateful to You for those veterans who gave so much for their Country. We ask Your blessing upon this program and when we depart, grant us Your continued fellowship that makes abiding peace. We ask this in Your Holy Name. **Amen.**

O God Eternal, before whom each generation rise and fall and pass away, we bow before You in gratitude as we remember our heritage in this, our land. We thank You for men and women whose blood is the measure of our debt in times of war, and for men and women of peace whose lives of service keep the fabric of our nation together. Save us from assuming that homage is a substitute for service. Teach us to be afraid of none but You, to speak unafraid the words of justice. Inspire us by the example of those who loved this land which we love, and who labored for a friendly world, free from hatred and bitterness. In our foreign policy and in our relationships within the Nation, help us to further only those purposes that will promote unity and justice and further the coming of Your kingdom on earth. Especially help us overcome the hatred, the cruelty, and the rejection of others who may be different than we are. We pray in Your Holy Name. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of us all! We, Your servants, turn to You for continuance of Your blessings upon us. You who have spared we veterans from the grasp of our enemies, grant us the full understandings of Your precious comfort.

We thank You for the privileges of life and the blessings we enjoy through Your graciousness to our Nation, the land in which we are given the freedom of speech, religion and the pursuit of happiness. Assist us to know You better and that You are the God of the universe and our ideal.

In Your mercy, may we the living find our peace. Grant us from above, this day, the challenge of high endeavor, the beauty of a humble spirit, the strong courage and will, without exertion, to continue to glorify You; praise You and love You to the end of time. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we stand here today to pay tribute to brave men and women, living and dead, who have served their country in the Armed Forces. Accept our thanksgiving for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families, which have purchased for us a free land. Cause us never to take for granted their devotion to liberty. Let our spirits be proud of them, let their hearts be compassionate, and our minds clear and determined in giving them the honor and respect they deserve.

Enkindle within us a flame of selfless, unwavering devotion to duty, that we may never be found wanting in those qualities of spirit and mind which are able to preserve our homes, our communities, and the peace of our Nation. Keep our memories alive with GRATITUDE and our gratitude alive with our FAITHFULNESS to the principles which made our Nation great. Grant, we pray, joy and fulfillment to those still living; and for those who are at rest, grant Your peace. **Amen.**