

Praying for the Military

Almighty God, we make these requests for our military known to You with thanksgiving, and ask that Your peace which surpasses all comprehension will guard our hearts and minds and theirs, as we intercede for them and their families (Phil 4:6-7). We set aside anxiety and instead cast all our cares upon You, as we acknowledge the depths of Your care for our loved ones (1Pet 5:7).

Heavenly King, we first pray for all those in **authority in every branch of government** – the executive, the legislative, and the judicial – because we know their decisions affect the lives of our loved ones in the military, and because You have instructed us to do so (1Tim 2:1). May their hearts be like channels of water in Your hand, for You to turn wherever You wish (Prov 21:1). Allow us and our loved ones in the armed services to live tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity (1Tim 2:2). Cause those in authority to prepare plans by consultation and make war only by wise guidance (Prov 20:18-19).

Faithful Father, establish godly men and women in **military authority**, ones who know You with Your Holy Spirit of Truth in their hearts and their steps do not slip. Let them be filled with wisdom and utter words of wisdom and their tongues speak justice (Ps 37:30-31). Do not allow them to lord authority over our loved ones, but rather to lead with a spirit of service for ensuring the physical, emotional, and even spiritual welfare of the men and women under their charge (Mark 10:42-43).

Loving Father and Precious Redeemer, may every man and woman in the military whose name is written in the book of life (Luke 10:20. Phil 4:3), who has yet to come to the knowledge of the truth (1Tim 2:1-4), **be led by Your kindness to repentance** (Rom 2:4). May their sins be wiped away and times of refreshing come from Your presence (Acts 3:19).

Word of Life, let your children in the armed services be able to be nourished by **Your Word**, meditating upon it day and night (Ps 1:2) and feeding upon it as the source of knowing You as their Bread of Life (Matt 4:4. John 6:35). Give them opportunity to read Your Word, the ability to recall Your Word, and have Your Word be upon every attitude and action as their delight, and well hidden in their hearts that they would not sin against You (Ps 119). Impart to them through Your Word the wisdom that leads to and strengthens their faith in Christ, trains them in righteousness, and equips them for every good work (2Tim 3:15-17). We confidently ask for **You Who began the good work in them, to bring it to perfection until the day of Christ Jesus** (Phil 1:6).

Blessed Emmanuel, when so much of the endeavors of each day could be overwhelming, provide the ability for Your own to still be able to **know You intimately** in the quiet of their hearts (John 17:3). By Your Spirit, help them to pour out their souls before You (Ps 86) and be overwhelmed by the depths of Your love, hope, peace, and joy (Rom 8:38-39. Rom 15:13). Let them be continually filled with thanksgiving, praise, and prayerfulness (Ps 63). Even when their minds do not think upon You or call to You in the moment, Jesus, we trust that **You will continually intercede for these saints according to the will of God** (Rom 8:27).

Good Shepherd, provide **spiritual chaplains** as shepherds after Your own heart who will feed Your flock on knowledge and understanding (Jer 3:15), and teach them with all wisdom, to present them complete in Christ (Col 1:28). May they be hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, and self-controlled (Tit 1:8). Please provide **godly friendship** for each believer, who will stick closer than a brother or sister, and be like the precious oil upon their head (Prov. 18:24. Ps 133). Help them to build strong relationships in Christian unity, with all humility, gentleness, and patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:2-3). Let the gifts of wisdom, words of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment, tongues, interpretation (1Cor 12:7-11), and above all the gift of love (1Cor 13:2) encouraging and building up brothers and sisters. Empower them to bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2).

Holy Counselor, instill in Yours to **show good behavior** within the military in the gentleness of wisdom without jealousy or selfish ambition against others or their authorities, for that is earthly, natural, and demonic, and brings disorder and every evil thing; but instead, Lord, lead them to walk in Your wisdom from above, which is pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits and unwavering in their faith in You (James 3:13-16).

God our Provider (Gen 22:14), these need **adequate provisions**. We trust they will receive everything they need in full abundance and ample supply, that You will supply all their needs according to Your riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:18-19). We pray that you would use each branch of government in our nation, as well as those in the private sector and in the local communities and churches, to support our troops with all the provisions they need. Let us – who can reach out with heartfelt prayers, encouraging communications, care packages, and other acts of kindness – never fail to assist them in whatever way we can, shunning forgetfulness and apathy. Instead we purpose to give to them generously with a cheerful heart, and thank You for returning to us blessings in all our work and undertakings (Deut 15:10). Let this same spirit of encouragement exist toward the families who wait for some to return from national or far away or even dangerous places (Gal 6:9-10).

Most High God, **cause them to dwell in Your shelter and abide in Your Almighty shadow**. Be their refuge and their fortress as they put their trust in You, as we put our trust in You for them. We trust that You will deliver them from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. Cover them with Your pinions, and under Your wings they will be in refuge. Cause Your faithfulness to be their shield and protective barrier. Grant them profound peace so nothing or no one would bring them harm, no terror or pestilence by the darkness of the night, or during the day, like arrows that fly, or the destruction that lays waste at noon. Be their refuge and dwelling place, so that no evil will befall them and no plague will come near their dwelling place (Ps 91: 1-10).

Eternal God, yes, **You are their dwelling place**, so underneath be their everlasting arms and drive out the enemy from before them. Let our military personnel know it is You Who will be the shield and the sword of their help so their enemies will cringe and our military will be able to tread upon their high places (Deut 33:27,29).

Lord of Hosts, **give Your angels charge concerning them**, to guard them in all their ways and bear them up in angelic hands commanded by Your voice. Keep these so safe that they will not even strike their foot against a stone (Ps 91:11-12).

God of Creation, let those in our military who are blameless and upright and filled with hearts of peace, **live to see their posterity**. Be their salvation, be their strength in this time of trouble. Help them, deliver them, and save them from the wicked (Ps 37: 37, 39).

Powerful One, keep them from turning to the right or the left and **grant them success wherever they go**. Give them **strength and courage**, strength and courage, strength and courage by Your Spirit, just as You called Joshua to be strong and courageous, three times You called him. Just as You uplifted Joshua, uplift our military with Your same words, “Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Josh 1:6-9).

Holy Protector, we lift up our eyes to the mountains acknowledging that **our help comes from You alone**, the Lord Who made heaven and earth. You will not allow any foot of Your own ones to slip. You Who do not slumber nor sleep, be their shade at their right hand, protect them from all evil, and watch over their lives. Guard their going out and their coming in (Ps 121).

Faithful Lord, we pray that Your own in the military would be quickened by Your Spirit to have **confidence in Your loving-kindness** that never ceases and Your compassions that never fails, knowing they are new every morning, because Your faithfulness is great. **Be their portion, Lord, May Your great presence give them hope** (Lam 3:22-24).

God of Refuge, speak to their hearts, **“Fear not for I am with you;** do not be dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Is 41:10). Impress upon them to draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having their hearts sprinkled clean and their bodies washed with pure water of Your Word (Heb 10:22. Heb 12:24) that they may be continually with You in the heavenly places (Eph 2:6). We thank You that they are continually safe in the heavenly places with You. Father – uphold by Your right hand (Ps 63:8) and You, Jesus – Who sits at the right hand of our Father (Mark 16:19), holding their right hand (Ps 16:8). In this holy place, we trust that You will guide them with Your counsel and be their portion forever (Ps 73: 23-26).

Divine Helper, as they are **trained for military action and battle**, may You be the One Who ultimately trains them. You Who have given them the shield of Your salvation, let it be Your gentleness that makes them great. Gird them with strength, subdue those who rise up against them, and make the enemy turn their backs. You are their blessed Rock, highly exalted, Who will execute vengeance for them, subdue peoples, and deliver them from the enemy. Surely, You will lift them above those who rise up against them and will rescue them from the violent. So we give thanks and sing praise to You among the nations, O Lord (Ps 18:34-49).

Consuming Lord, when they **go out to battle** against the enemy and see their military might, as the children of Israel out of Egypt saw in the horses and chariots and numerous people, encourage them supernaturally to not be afraid of them, for You have spoken, “...the Lord your God is with you...Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them, for the Lord your God is the One Who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you” (Deut 20:1, 3,4). Call Your own to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid or tremble at the enemy because You have promised to go with them. You will not fail them; You will not leave them; You will not forsake them (Deut 31:6. Matt 28:20). Even in the remotest parts of the earth and the sea, Your hand will lead them and Your right hand will lay hold of them (Ps 139:9-10). Remind them to put on their spiritual armor above all else so they will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil, and take up the shield of faith, and hold Your Word wisely, and come with feet prepared with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Eph 6:10-17).

Lion of Judah, just as David stood firm because of his trust in You, **empower them to see You as their light and their salvation, the defense of their lives** (Ps 27:1-2). For if You are for us, who can be against us (Rom 8:31).

Prince of Peace, we confidently ask that You will **give strength to Your people in the military and will bless them with peace** (Ps 29:11). We trust in You to keep them in perfect peace when they keep their minds stayed on You and put their trust in You, for You are the Everlasting Rock (Is 26:3-4). Encourage them to hold on to Your peace, dear Jesus. Speak quietly to their hearts when they need it most, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27).

Holy Healer, **if any be sick or wounded in the flesh, or in the mind or heart with depression, we cry out that You would restore them quickly to health** according to Your perfect work on the cross and powerful resurrecting power toward these who believe (Eph 1:19-20. Eph 2:20). We declare that You redeemed Your church from all the curses of the law (Deut 28) having become a curse for us (Gal 3:13) where You took our infirmities and carried away our diseases (Matt 8:17. Is 53:4). Be true to Your

Word today as Holy Rophe, the God Who Heals (Ex 15:26). O God, at times their flesh will have no rest, they will be afflicted by conflicts without and fears within. Kind Lord, comfort the depressed in all their afflictions and those who mourn that they may be able to rejoice and be satisfied by You once again (2Cor 7:4-7. Phil 4:4). Direct their hearts to Your love and to the steadfastness of Christ (2Thes 3:5).

Mighty Deliverer, for those who have been captured as **prisoners of war**, grant them each day their daily bread and streams of living water in the natural and the spiritual (Ex 15:25. Ex 16:4. Jer 17:7-8). Gracious Lord, let only the things that are absolutely necessary to touch their lives, touch their lives. Merciful God, although they are afflicted, let them not be crushed, nor despairing, nor forsaken, nor destroyed (2Cor 4:8-9). Faithful God Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry and sets the prisoners free (Ps 146), You are our only hope for their deliverance so hasten to deliver them! Let those be ashamed, humiliated, turned back, and dishonored who seek their life and delight in their hurt. O Lord, do not delay (Ps 70). This enemy has risen up with kindled anger and taken our loved ones captive. Great Defender, be true to Your Word that says You will not give ours to be torn, but instead these prisoners will escape as a bird out of the snare of the trapper. Break the snare, Lord, and free them, for our help is in the Name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth (Ps 124). Lord be the defense of their lives; when evildoers come upon them, cause their adversaries to stumble and fall. Do not deliver them over to the desires of their adversaries (Ps 27). Rescue them from perverse and evil men and strengthen and protect them from the evil one (2Thes 3:2-3).

Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, You do not become weary or tired and Your understanding no one can fathom. Give strength to those growing weary, and to him who lacks might, increase his power. Call upon Your children in the military **to wait upon You and thereby gain new strength**, mounting up with wings like eagles, running and not getting tired, and walking without becoming faint (Is 40:28,29,31).

Holy Judge, let none of Your own act in revenge for we know that You require Your own not be overcome by evil, but to defer to You, God of Justice, Who declares, “**Vengeance is Mine** and retribution...For the Lord will vindicate His people...” (Rom 12:19-21. Deut 32:35-36). Remind Your children in the military of Your great vindication, that no weapon formed against them will prosper, and every tongue that accuses them in judgment, You will condemn. We hold on to this heritage of the servants of the Lord (Is 54: 17).

Triumphant Lord, when there is **victory**, let not Your own boast of their wisdom or might, but let them **boast in understanding and knowing You** and that You are the Lord Who exercises and delights in lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on the earth (Jer 9:23). Rise up Your Spirit within them to boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal 6:14). Let the fight they fight be, above all, the good fight of faith with a good confession in the presence of many witnesses (1 Tim 6:12). Whatever they do, call them to do their work heartily as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord will be their reward of the inheritance – it is the Lord Jesus Christ Whom they serve (Col 3:23-24).

Bright Morning Star, let Your people who are ordered into **foreign lands** be spiritually led to triumph in Christ. **Manifest through them the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Jesus in every place they go**, for they will be a fragrance of Christ to You, Father, among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing (2 Cor 2:14-15). Impart the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (2Cor 4:6). Wherever they go, let them be pleasing to You as ambassadors for Christ (2Cor 5:9,20). Let the foreigners, who are present be rescued, see their faces as ones who see the face of God (Gen 33:10). Make certain to them that You are a God Who shows no partiality; but in every nation those who believe in Jesus receive forgiveness of sins; those who reverence You and do what is right are welcome to You (Acts 10:34,35,43).

Lord of Righteousness, we **pray for our enemies**, as You have called us to pray, and as You call our loved ones to pray even for those who are charged to do battle against them (Luke 6:27-28). We cry out that You would not hold their sins against these enemies (Acts 7:60). We ask that Your mercy and kindness would lead them to repentance and life in Jesus (Rom 2:4). We pray You would send the laborers into every place where there is a harvest (Luke 10:2), where there is still need for **disciples to be made in the nations** (Matt 28:19-20). We pray that when we are in the heavenly places on streets of gold (Rev 21:21), the gold will represent the harvest of saints, the children of Your kingdom, with the inheritance of adopted sons to Yourself, through Jesus Christ (Matt 13:30,37,38. Eph 1:5,11). As we walk with Jesus on the Sabbath through the wheat fields of gold (Mark 2:23), we will recall that love covered a multitude of sins (IPet 4:8).

Gracious Father, **bring our loved ones home quickly**. Help us when we pine away for their presence; help us to find consolation in Your presence (Ps 94:19. Ps 27:4). For any on furlough, may they be rested and refreshed (Matt 11:28. Jer 31:25. Philm 1:20). For any permanently discharged, with all the experiences of military life as part of them, help these veterans to have a smooth transition back into the life of their communities and neighborhoods among family and friends. May they be particularly well received by the Body of Christ, that we would receive them in the Lord with all joy and hold them in high regard, for having risked their lives and many having come close to death (Phil 2:29-30). Be their Holy Provider once again. Grant them fulfilling employment and continually meet every financial need. Reward their work and may their wages be full under whose wings they continue to seek refuge (Ruth 2:12).

Merciful God, we ask that **when our loved ones return to us**, they would be renewed in the spirit of their minds and able to continually put on the new self, which in Your likeness has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth (Eph 4:24). Having their minds renewed by the Spirit (Rom 12:2), we pray every thought would be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2Cor 10:5).

Glorious God, we ask that **Your favor** would be upon them and whether in our out of the military, You would confirm the work of their hands; yes, **confirm the work of their hands** (Ps 90:17). To this end we pray for them always, that You will count them worthy of their calling and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, **so that the name of Jesus will be glorified** in them, and they in Jesus, according to Your grace (2Thes 1:11-12).

To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion, forever and ever! So in the mighty Name of Jesus we pray, Amen (Rev 5:8,13,14) !