

## **Prayers for the Military**

### **FOR TROOPS**

*All-powerful and ever-living God,  
When Abraham left his native land and departed from his people,  
You kept him safe through all his journeys.  
Protect these soldiers.  
Be their constant companion and their strength in battle;  
Be their refuge in every adversity.  
Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **PRAYER OF A SPOUSE FOR A SOLDIER**

*God of power and might,  
At every moment and in every place  
You are near to those who call upon you name in faith.  
In marriage you have blessed us with a share in your divine love.  
Look upon my husband/wife and keep him/her in your safekeeping,  
No matter where the road may lead.  
And when the battle is ended, bring him/her safely home to those who love him.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **PRAYER OF A SON OR DAUGHTER FOR A PARENT**

*Loving God  
You watch over each and every one of your children;  
Hear my prayer for my father/mother. Be his/her constant companion.  
Protect him/her no matter where he/she goes,  
And bring him/her safely and quickly home to those who love him/her.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **PRAYER OF A PARENT FOR A SOLDIER**

*Father all-powerful and ever-loving God,  
From before we were born, Your love has nurtured and sustained us.  
Hear my prayer for N., my son/daughter.  
Keep him/her safe in time of battle and faithful to you, day in and day out.  
Bring him/her safely home to those who love him/her.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO AWAIT A SOLDIER'S RETURN**

*God of all goodness,  
Look with love on those who wait  
For the safe return of their loved ones,  
Who serve in the armed forces of their country.  
In faith and hope, we turn to you for comfort.  
Grant that we may trust in your mercy  
And send an angel to sustain us as we await their safe return.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

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### **FOR GOVERNMENT LEADERS**

*God of power and might, wisdom and justice,  
Through you, authority is rightly administered,  
Laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.  
Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude  
the President and other government leaders of these United States.  
May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy.  
Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection  
to lead our country with honesty and integrity.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **FOR THE SAFETY OF SOLDIERS**

*Almighty and eternal God,  
Those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.  
Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties.  
Protect them with the shield of your strength,  
And keep them safe from all evil and harm.  
May the power of your love enable them to return home  
In safety, that with all who love them,  
They may ever praise you for your loving care.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **FOR OUR ENEMIES**

*Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
You have asked us to love our enemies  
And pray for those who persecute us.  
We pray for our enemies and those who oppose us.  
With the help of the Holy Spirit,  
May all people learn to work together  
For that justice which brings true and lasting peace.  
To you be glory and honor forever.*

### **FOR DECEASED VETERANS**

*O God,  
By whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,  
Look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their  
Lives in the service of their country.  
Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son  
They may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom  
And rejoice in you with your saints forever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### **RESOURCES**

*Archdiocese for the Military*

[www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org)

*Military Family Relief Project*

[www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/military-family-relief-project.shtml](http://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/military-family-relief-project.shtml)