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## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS

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### An Old Soldier's Prayer by Lewis Millett



"I have fought when others feared to serve. I have gone where others failed to go. I've lost friends in war and strife, Who valued Duty more than love of life.... I've seen challenged men become even bolder, I've seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of the Soldier. Now I understand the meaning of our lives, The loss of comrades not so very long ago. So to you who have answered duties siren call, May God bless you my son, may God bless you all."

### A Christian Memorial Day Prayer

Gracious God, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through your name.

#### A Prayer for Memorial Day (by Debbie McDaniel)

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today. The cost of it all. The great sacrifice for freedom. We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives. Please be with all those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day. We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind. We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are the Way, you are the Light.

#### A Prayer for Military Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones (by Lisa Appelo)

O Lord, We weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. Comfort these moms and dads, children and spouses as only You can. You have collected all their tears in a bottle. Help them feel Your strong presence, see Your tender hand all around them and hear Your voice directing them in these dark circumstances. Draw them daily to Your Word to process their pain and grieve with hope. Spur the body of Christ around them to be Your hands and feet and to meet their practical needs. Thank you, Lord, that You are the defender of widows and father to the fatherless. Bind up their wounds and heal their broken hearts. You are good and You do good and we pray that even in their pain they will see Your goodness sustaining them through pain. Restore to them the joy of your salvation and sing over them a new song. Amen.



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### A Prayer of Gratitude for Those Who Serve (by Sarah Frazer)

O God, we give you praise for these people who have allowed us to serve and worship You in freedom. We do not take for granted that there are millions of Christians around the world afraid of prison or even death because of what they believe. Our veterans are a significant reason why we do not fear and we thank You for them. Amen.

### Memorial Day Prayers and Blessings

Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer today our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen. On this Memorial Day, we pray for all members of the military, especially those who died in service to others. May we honor them by loving and caring for all those they have left behind. Give them strength and strengthen our commitment to caring for those who mourn their loss. Amen. As we pray for those who lost their lives in conflict throughout our history, we recognize the ongoing war and violence that continues to plague humanity in many places, many forms. Today, we pray for peace, which those we honor today fought valiantly to achieve. In Your name we pray. Amen.

We pray in gratitude today for all those who have worked selflessly to provide security and safety to others. Bless them, keep them safe and help them to make good decisions. May we emulate their courage and bravery. Amen.

#### Prayer for Memorial Day

Dear God, on this Memorial Day, we come before you with heavy hearts, remembering the sacrifices made by those who served our country and gave their lives for our freedom. We pray for the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in service to our nation. May they find comfort and peace in the knowledge that their loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice for a cause greater than themselves. We ask that you watch over and protect the men and women who continue to serve in our armed forces. Give them strength, courage, and wisdom as they work to defend our country and uphold the values of freedom and justice. We also pray for our leaders, that they may have the wisdom and compassion to make decisions that honor the sacrifices of those who have gone before us and safeguard the rights and freedoms that we hold dear. Amen.

#### Prayer of Gratitude for Those Who Serve

Heavenly Father, we come before you today with grateful hearts, recognizing the sacrifices of those who serve our country. We are humbled by their courage, dedication, and selflessness. We thank you for the men and women who have answered the call to serve our nation, putting their lives on the line to defend our freedoms and way of life. We are grateful for their sacrifices and commitment to duty. Lord, we ask that you bless those who currently serve in our military. Watch over them, protect them, and guide them as they carry out their duties with honor and distinction. We also pray for their families and loved ones who support them from afar. Strengthen them and provide them with the comfort and peace that can only come from your loving presence. Amen.

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### Christian Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we come before you with grateful hearts, remembering the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for the forgiveness of our sins. We also remember the brave men and women who have served our country and given their lives in the defense of our freedom. We honor their memory and ask that you bless their families and loved ones with comfort and peace. Lord, we ask that you be with our military men and women who continue to serve our nation with courage and distinction. May they be filled with your strength and wisdom as they carry out their duties and work to promote peace and justice in the world. Amen.

#### Prayer for Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. R/. Amen

#### Memorial Day Prayer

O Lord, we give you thanks for the American way of life that we enjoy today. Let us not forget that the rights and privileges we enjoy have blood on them and that every good gift was bought and paid for in human sacrifice. Today, we honor all who have gone before us and made the supreme sacrifice. We are ever grateful for those who are now serving our country in every part of this world as they are your instruments of peace and freedom. We pray for the families whose loved ones have given their last full measure of devotion — their very lives, for people who now have the freedom in their homeland. Lord God, on this Memorial Day, be thou our Guide and Wisdom to our President and government leaders as they lead this nation to create peace throughout our world and nation and community. We humbly ask to protect our nation from external attack and internal decay. Make us all aware, O God, of our responsibility that rests upon us to create peace in our own hearts, in our homes, and in our relationships with others. Lead us, inspire us, make us Your people to become a nation that truly is blessed by You. Amen.

#### A prayer for Memorial Day – David Gambrell

Holy God, your love is stronger than death, and your life-giving power has no end. We commend to your eternal care all who have died in the service of others, even as we lament the violence of war. Comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

Heal the wounded body, mind, and spirit. Bring justice, freedom, and dignity to all people and bring an end to war throughout the earth so that all may know your promised peace; through Christ, the resurrection and the life.

#### Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, On this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we consider how they have followed in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray for your peace, provision, hope, and strength to fill their lives.



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May the members of our armed forces be supplied with the courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. Sovereign God and Lord of all nations, may we take time to reflect on the great blessings we share as a nation and as a people. Our blessings have come at a high cost to others. May we remember these sacrifices always with deep gratitude.

We ask that you would grant wisdom to the leaders of our armed forces. Guide and direct them in their decisions. May they be led by your will and your heart as they pursue our nation's freedom. We continue to pray for peace in our world. Lord, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Memorial Day

"Almighty God, you are our strength and our shield. We give you thanks for the men and women of our armed forces, past and present, and especially for those who have died while serving. May their sacrifices serve the cause of peace, and may our nation be ever grateful for their service. With your wisdom and strength guide our military's leaders, and give to all people a desire for justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." — Amen

#### A Memorial Day Prayer

Father in Heaven, Bring us peace and make us peacemakers. Grant us the courage to work for your Kingdom So that justice can flourish in our world. In your mercy, gather in all of the brave men and women who have given their lives so we can be free. Let them live forever with you in heaven Freed from pain in your loving embrace. Comfort their families, Who have also sacrificed for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Memorial Day Prayer

Dear God, On this day we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom. Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world. As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake.

St. Martin, St. George and St. Joan of Arc: pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be.

#### Catholic prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. R/. Amen