

Veterans Day Remembrance and Prayers

November 11, 2020

Each year on November 11, the United States observes Veterans Day and remembers all those who have served our country in times of war. As Archbishop Broglio writes, *“Even the privilege to hold differing opinions and to express them openly is a result of the sacrifice of a few for all. Let us remember those who have sacrificed so much to serve our country. Let us keep them all in our prayers, on Veterans Day and always.”*

Prayer of the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.

– Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

Prayer in Time of War

God our Father,
Maker and lover of peace,
To know you is to live,
And to serve you is to reign.
All our faith is in your saving help;
Protect us from men of violence
And keep us safe from weapons of hate.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Military Chaplains

Heavenly Father, bless and protect Military Chaplains and fill them with the joy and courage of their vocation as personal ministers of Christ in preaching your word and nourishing us with the Sacraments.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

May the strength of God guide me this day,
and may his power preserve me.

May the wisdom of God instruct me;
the eye of God watch over me; the ear of God hear me;
the word of God give sweetness to my speech;
the hand of God defend me; and may I follow the way of God.

Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ be after me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ at my right hand, Christ at my left,
Christ in the fort, Christ in the chariot,
Christ in the ship,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me.
Christ in every eye that sees me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.

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