

Prayer Topic #30:

A Prayer for Active and Inactive Military Personnel

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 23, Joshua 1

Reflections of the Heart:

“God of our fathers, who by land and sea have ever lead us to victory, please continue your inspiring guidance in this the greatest of all conflicts. Strengthen my soul so that the weakening instinct of self-preservation, which besets all of us in battle, shall not blind me to my duty to my own manhood, to the glory of my calling, and to my responsibility to my fellow soldiers... Give us the victory, Lord.”

~ excerpt from a quote by General George S. Patton (1885-1945), American General, World Wars I and II

Scriptural Prayer:

Triumphant Father, we, Your children, thank You for being our strong fortress. We can run to you in times of trouble and find safety. We thank You for all the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who lay down their lives everyday to protect and serve our nation. Thank You for those who are now inactive, but still serve our nation with conviction and valor. We praise You, for You have been our shield, our refuge, and our Savior; the One who saves us from violence. We call upon Your worthy Name, for You have saved us from our enemies. Apart from You, we can do nothing. Glory and honor belong to You!

Immortal Father, as the Body of Christ, we invoke the Blood of Jesus over our nation’s Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. They are the tangible shield of protection for our country. We declare that as they go about implementing their orders in the face of daily international conflicts You will rescue them from every trap and protect them from deadly disease. They are covered with Your feathers and they find shelter within Your wings. Your faithful promises are their armor and protection. We confess that You will arm them with strength for every battle and You will subdue their enemies under their feet. We decree that Your Word is a lamp to guide their feet and a light for their path. Therefore, we expect that as Your Word is sent forth, it will produce divine fruit into the lives of our troops. We declare that even those who are no longer active will be washed by Your Word; cleansed and delivered from the fear and pain of their past experiences. They are becoming new in Christ Jesus!

Holy Spirit, show me how I can personally reach out to a military family today:

Holy Spirit, keep our military men and women, as well as their families, fresh on our minds. Remind us to keep their needs lifted day and night before, the Father, in prayer. We especially ask that You guide the steps of President Barack Obama, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States of America so that they will not be overcome by evil. Lord, teach them to be prudent in their leadership; not acting foolishly, but having a solid understanding of the way in which our military should go. As for our Congress, give them a collective heart of compassion and conviction. As they deliberate over the defense budget, let them be especially diligent to make every effort to assign fair and adequate funding for our disabled veterans, military spouses and children, and the employment, housing, education, and healthcare needs of all military personnel. Holy Spirit, replenish the strength of every military chaplain to keep meeting the spiritual needs of our soldiers. May they be encouraged themselves to daily partake of the love and grace of the Father while they are on assignment in the battlefields.

Loving Father, forgive those in our military for any acts of the flesh they have committed while in service to this nation. Forgive them for times when they have not used sound judgment and acted out of fear or pressure. Help those who have had to personally take a life while in battle to forgive themselves. Please forgive us, as the Body of Christ, for overlooking opportunities to show our gratitude and support to both our active and inactive military personnel and their families. Forgive us for not always acknowledging the great sacrifices they have made so

that we can continue to enjoy national freedom. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that You have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our military personnel of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show You names or faces of people that You may need to forgive. As He shows You, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help our military personnel not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord of Heaven's Armies, You tread upon the wicked as if they are dust under Your feet. You have driven out the pagan nations by Your power. There is no one like You, O God of Israel. You ride across the heavens in majestic splendor! Be glorified forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Proverbs 18:10, II Samuel 22:3-4, Psalm 91:3-4, II Samuel 2:40, Psalm 119:105, Ephesians 5:26, II Corinthians 5:17, Romans 1:9, Psalm 119:133, Proverbs 14:8, Matthew 6:13, Malachi 4:3, Psalm 44:2, Deuteronomy 33:26

Today, I will trust God to:
