

Prayer Topic #16:
A Prayer for Disabled Veterans

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 23, I Thessalonians 5:16-34

Reflections of the Heart:

Take time today to remember the brave men and women who have sacrificed to the point of physical detriment for our freedom. They deserve our honor, respect, and appreciation. They are to be admired for their enduring faithfulness and service.

Scriptural Prayer:

Most Holy Father, we thank You for all of our disabled veterans. We thank You for their unstoppable spirit and loyal service to The United States of America. Thank You for Your hand of grace which has preserved their lives. What awesome miracles You perform for Your people! Our lives are in Your hands and You keep our feet from stumbling. You have tested us and purified us like silver. We glorify Your wonderful Name. Your faithfulness to Your children is never-ending. We are grateful to belong to You. Your salvation surrounds us like city walls and praise flows from the lips of all those who enter Your presence. You are our everlasting light and glory.

Almighty Father, we decree that our disabled veterans are the apple of Your eye. You are faithful to them and have delivered them from the wicked with Your sword. We confess that they are Your treasured ones whose hunger You always satisfy. We confess that their children have plenty and they will leave an inheritance for their descendants. We decree and declare that when our disabled veterans are surrounded by troubles, You will protect them from the anger of their enemies. The power of Your right hand saves them. We declare that You will work out Your plans for their lives. Because of Your faithful, enduring love they are never abandoned, for you made them. It was nobody but You who redeemed their lives and snatched them from the power of the grave. We declare over them that despite physical loss, they are overwhelmingly victorious through Christ, who loves them. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither their fears for today nor their worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate them from Your love, Father.

Holy Spirit, I commit to pray for the needs of the following disabled veterans this month:

Holy Spirit, please encourage and uplift the hearts of those disabled veterans who feel lost, unappreciated, and rejected. Turn the attention of those around them to their hurts and needs and cause the love of Jesus to move us all to make a conscious effort to get them the care and resources that will improve the quality of their lives. Save those who don't know the Lord Jesus in the pardon of their sins. Please help us to embrace our disabled veterans with love and honor for their sacrifices on our behalf. Help us to incorporate them into the ministry, encouraging them to use their gifts to Your glory. We ask you to lead and guide President Barack Obama, Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Retired U.S. Army General, Eric K. Shinseki, and our U.S. Congresspersons to develop and implement effective programs that will aid in sheltering our homeless veterans, providing proper mental and physical healthcare to them, and supplying them with fair funding for their continued education. Let the peace that comes from Christ rule in the hearts of our disabled veterans. May they always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill their lives.

Gracious Father, forgive the sins of our disabled veterans. Forgive those who are so scarred with disappointment and confusion that they reject Your love. Forgive those who have not been obedient to follow the instructions of their physicians. Forgive them for purposely neglecting their mental and physical health needs. Forgive those of us, Lord, who have ignored and abandoned our disabled veterans. Forgive us for not honoring them for their service to our nation. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that You have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our disabled veterans 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.)

Merciful Father, help our disabled veterans not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Magnificent Lord, You are a warrior. Yahweh is Your name! Your right hand is glorious in power. It smashes the enemy. In the greatness of Your majesty, You overthrow those who rise against You. The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 66:5, 9-10, Isaiah 60:18-19, Psalm 17:13-14, Psalm 138:7-8, Psalm 49:15, Romans 8:37-38, Colossians 3:15-16, Matthew 6:13, Ezekiel 15:3, 6-7, Psalm 118:16

Today I will trust God to:
