

**Prayer Topic #16:**

**A Prayer for Our U.S. Military Personnel**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 117, Psalm 18:31-50

**Reflections of the Heart:**

Self-centeredness is the essence of the worldliness in wars. Humility is the opposite of the proud selfishness and self-centered ambition which characterizes this present evil warring age. Therefore, let us seek peace, for the seed of the righteous, even in our military, will conquer the gates of the wicked.

**Scriptural Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our U.S. Military personnel. We thank You for blessing our armed forces throughout history. We thank You for making our nation a mighty power in the world. Thank You for our men and women who are returning home from Iraq. Lord, we praise and honor Your Name. Your Name is the Lord and we rejoice before You. You have been our home through all the generations. We praise You, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and amen! O Lord, what a variety of things You have made. In wisdom, You have made them all. The earth is full of Your creatures. Lord, You are a faithful, loving and compassionate God and we bless You.

Righteous Father, we declare that You are the light and salvation of our military personnel; they will not be afraid. You are their fortress and their protection from danger; they will not tremble. Any enemy or foe who comes to attack them will stumble and fall. Our soldiers will trust in You with all of their hearts and they will not depend on their own understanding. They will seek Your will in all that they do, and we know that You will show them which path to take. We declare that our military personnel are blessed and highly favored. They will submit themselves to God, resist the devil and he will flee from them. With the authority given to us, we cancel the assignment of anxiety, depression, anger, fear and confusion and declare that no weapon formed against them will prosper. We command God's order to prevail within the Veteran Affairs system.

***List the name(s) of the active or inactive military veteran(s) you know and insert their name(s) in the prayer:***

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Worthy Father, please continue to provide for the families of those soldiers who have been deployed to war. Holy Spirit, help our veterans who have returned home to process all they have experienced. Heal any physical and emotional wounds. Please help them with their familial, social, and professional relationships. Lord, we ask that the wait times for appointments at the VA Hospital will be shortened and that each veteran will be treated with dignity and respect. Holy Spirit, please give our government officials the wisdom on how to cut down on the red tape that ensnares so many veterans from receiving all of the benefits they are entitled to. As a nation, help us to not overlook or discount the sacrifices our military veterans have made for the freedom of our nation.

Forgiving Father, please forgive our active and inactive military personnel for their sins. Forgive them for lying, cheating, stealing, slander, strife, malice, envy, jealousy, selfishness, disobedience and rebellion. Forgive our nation for hypocrisy, slander, greed, racism, injustice, elitism, hatred, and violence. Father, forgive the media for misrepresenting the truth. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed.)*** Holy Spirit, remind our active and inactive 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 reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

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

Lord, You reign. You dwell between the cherubim; let the earth be moved. You are great in Zion and high above all people. Your name is so great and awesome. You are Holy. Yours is the kingdom, the power and glory, forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Test (NKJV & NLT):** Psalm 90:1, Psalm 104:24, Psalm 27:1-2, Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 1:28, James 4:7, Isaiah 54:17, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 99:1-3

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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