

A Litany for Veterans Day



WELCOME

Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, began as a commemoration of the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918. After World War II it was recognized as a day to pay tribute to all service members and in 1954 it was designated as Veterans Day.

The framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that our loving God had endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms God has granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedom from prevailing.

LITANY

One: For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

