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“24 Hours of Prayer”

Prayer Points

Zechariah 4:6 “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the LORD of hosts.”

What greater thing can we do for our military than to support them with our prayers? We firmly believe in the power of prayer and are dedicated to praying for the needs of the men and women who serve and protect our nation. Following is a list of prayer points to use as a daily guide in praying for our troops. Remember, these are prayer points, but more importantly as you pray, let God give you direction and listen to His voice.

Pray for our national leaders and all of our military commanders; the Iraqi government and military leaders; government and military leaders in Afghanistan (Wisdom and Discernment, Physical strength)

1 Chronicles 22:12 “Only may the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.”

2 Chronicles 1:11, 12 “Then God said to Solomon: “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

Job 28:28 “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.’”

Psalm 111:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”

Military chaplains and medical personnel (Wisdom, Discernment, Compassion)

Psalm 86:15 “But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth”

Psalm 119:48 “My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.”

Psalm 119:173 “Let Your hand become my help, for I have chosen Your precepts.”

Pray for the spiritual, mental, and physical well-being of all our military.

Psalm 91 (Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God)

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,

6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.

8 Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

12 In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

Pray for success, that the work of the soldiers' hands will bring political, economic, and spiritual freedom to this land. (*) Pray for the success of all special military operations:

planning, military intelligence, protective covering, joint US and Iraqi operations. Pray that the Lord would continue to help our troops to capture the terrorist leaders and put a stop to the terrorist activity.

Deuteronomy 28:12-13 "The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them."

Pray that our soldiers would take refuge in the Lord and be kept by His protection. (*) Pray for a hedge of God's protection around our troops, protecting them from roadside bombs, missiles, gunshots. Pray for our troops to be protected from capture by the enemy. Pray for the troops to be protected from illnesses and diseases.

Psalm 5:11-12 "But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield."

American warriors stare into the face of a distressed populace that is both physically and spiritually poor. Pray that the spirit of compassion will grow wisely in our soldiers, that they might have eyes to see like Jesus, and that they demonstrate generosity. (*)

Psalm 41:1-2 "Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies."

Pray for wisdom and discernment in the "impossible" situations that soldiers face. (*) Pray that our military will remain alert, ready, and prepared to face any encounter.

Proverbs 4:11-13 "I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life."

Pray encouragement for our soldiers and their families as they deal with separation from their loved ones. (*) Pray for the spiritual well-being, mental well-being, and health of the families of our soldiers. Pray for soldiers and family members to put their trust in the Lord. Pray the Lord's comfort, peace, and strength for those who have lost loved ones.

Psalm 34:17-19 "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

Pray that all empty things and beliefs that soldiers put their trust in will be exposed for their worthless nature. (*)

Acts 14:15: "and saying, Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,"

Pray that understanding, mutual respect, and common ground will set the stage for peace between two very different nations. (*)

Lev. 26:6: "I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land."

Pray for strength and endurance for our soldiers to go the distance in this deployment, especially during the hard days. (*)

Psalm 73:26: "My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Pray for the Iraqi people to accept Christ, give support and protection to our troops from radical insurgency, and have a willingness and determination to embrace democracy.

Psalm 65:5 "By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the far-off seas;"

Pray for those awaiting deployment to be successful in training and preparation for war; pray for their physical strength in training; pray that God will comfort them in their anticipation of the unknown. Pray for them as they make decisions prior to deployment (wills, power of attorney, legal issues, etc.).

Deuteronomy 28: 6, 7 "Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."

Pray for our troops who do not know Christ that they will turn to Him for salvation and spiritual renewal.

Psalm 18:2 “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Psalm 51:12 “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”

Psalm 85:7 “Show us Your mercy, LORD, and grant us Your salvation.”

Psalm 116:13 “I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.”

Pray that the soldiers will be able to cope with tragedy when they see it.

II Corinthians 4: 16-18 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Pray for soldiers without families that God will place someone in their life to care for them and encourage them during their time of deployment.

Romans 15:14 “Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.”

Pray that we each have a passionate prayer life and a continued burden to pray for our soldiers.

1 John 5:14 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

Pray for spiritual growth in your life and a renewed commitment to reach the lost for Christ.

Romans 12:2 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quoted is taken from the New King James Version.

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