

# Prayer for Those Serving in the Military - (For Loved Ones)

## PRAYER FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

(For use by family and friends of those serving in the military)

Praise to you, ever-watchful God,  
for you are our refuge and strength  
in every time and place.

Send your blessing upon N. \_\_\_\_\_,  
who is serving our country  
in the armed forces.

By your powerful Spirit,  
shield him/her from all harm.

Uphold him/her in good times and bad,  
especially when danger threatens.

Let your peace be the sentry  
that stands guard over his/her life,  
so that he/she may return home safely.

Look with compassion on all victims of war;  
ease their sufferings and heal their wounds.

Put an end to wars over all the earth,  
and hasten the day when the human family  
will rejoice in lasting peace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns as the Prince of Peace,  
both now and for ever. Amen.

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