

**A Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974),  
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Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

**All: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.**

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## **A Prayer for Our Veterans**

**Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,  
You have blessed us with  
brave men and women  
who are willing to defend our freedom.**

**May Your protection and grace  
surround them each day.**

**Let Your healing hand be upon those  
who suffer wounds and injuries.**

**May those who have made the  
ultimate sacrifice rest forever in  
Your Holy Presence.**

**Comfort the families who mourn  
and are left to remember**

**the precious lives of their loved ones.  
Help us to honor and support them.**

**Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made  
on behalf of the American people by our  
sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers,  
fathers, and friends.**

**Amen.**