

A Prayer for Our Troops



T is for Teamwork

LORD, help our troops work as a team, each person doing his part with excellence and precision. Help them function single-mindedly, united in spirit, intent on one purpose, and doing nothing from selfishness or empty conceit. Teach them to encourage, support, and look out for one another with sympathy and esteem. (Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Proverbs 22:29; Philippians 2:2-4)

R is for Readiness

Prepare our troops for battle, God. Grant them the self-discipline, determination, and perseverance they need to succeed. Make them willing, not only to win, but to prepare to win. Get them ready, both in season and out of season, to do everything required of them to the best of their abilities. (Proverbs 21:31, 12:1; Ephesians 6:12; Romans 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; 2 Timothy 4:2)

O is for Officers

LORD, grant the officers in our armed forces wisdom and discernment. Help them lead with integrity, authority, and humility as they train, challenge, and encourage the troops in their charge. Guard them against pride or careless errors. May they command—and earn—the respect of their subordinates. (Proverbs 11:14, 24:6; Proverbs 10:9, 11:2-3; Proverbs 16:18; Romans 13:1; Titus 2:15; Luke 7:8)

O is for Ordnance

Victory comes from You, God, so that's where our hope rests. Not in chariots & horses (nor drones, helicopters, & artillery). Yet being well-provisioned seems good & desirable. Peace is often achieved through strength, so we ask You to equip our military with both spiritual armor & physical weaponry. (Jer. 46:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:57; 1 John 5:4-5; Prov. 21:31; Psalm 20:7, 29:11; Phil. 4:19; Eph. 6:10-17)

P is for Protection

Guard our troops, LORD. Preserve, protect, and keep Your hand of mercy upon them. Be their rock, their shield, and their fortress. Don't let them stumble or fall into the trap of their enemies. Be a lamp to their feet and a light to their path. Blind the eyes of all who would do them harm. (2 Thess. 3:3; Exodus 15:6; Psalm 41:10, 18:2, 37:23-24; Prov. 3:23; Psalm 9:15-16, 61:3, 119:105; Rom. 11:8)

S is for Strength

Energize our troops, God, and give them stamina for the task ahead. Don't let them grow tired, weary, or faint along the way. Teach them to wait upon Your sustaining and empowering grace. Strengthen them daily with Your mighty hand & grant them restorative sleep each night, free from worry or fear. (Colossians 1:29; Isaiah 40:29-31; Isaiah 12:2; Jeremiah 31:25-26; Isaiah 41:10; Proverbs 3:24-26)