



**As we remember our day of fasting and prayer
on Friday, November 11, 2016,
we remember our Veterans in all wars
and especially today as our
newly-elected President places a wreath
on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.**

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you today for all of the men and women who have served in our armed forces. We are grateful for their dedication, discipline, faithfulness and courage. From them may we learn the virtues of selfless service, unswerving loyalty to country, the discipline of teamwork for the good of all, obedience to authority and perseverance in difficult and challenging situations.

Bless the families of our veterans for the sacrifices made on the home front when duty called their loved ones away to serve. Following their military service, give each of our veterans meaningful employment where they can enrich our workplaces and communities with their strong leadership skills, their self-discipline and their hearts for service.

We pray that you will provide your care and healing power for our veterans who carry physical and mental wounds from their days of service. And we lift up to your care those families who have lost a member of our armed forces in the line of duty. May your constant presence and help be theirs.

We pray that today we will be able to express to our veterans our gratitude for their service to us. Keep our service men and women strong and determined. As we thank you for them we look forward to the day promised in your Word when our Prince of Peace will rule on earth and when the bearing of arms to protect our citizens will no longer be necessary. We pray in the name of our strong and powerful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
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