



# Touring Day Prayer Services

Lincoln and War Memorials



## **Introduction**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord grant us peace, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather together here on these steps of the Lincoln Memorial to lift in prayer and to remember all those soldiers who have paved the way from the Civil War to the Vietnam, Korean and the two World Wars to help the United States have the freedoms that it has today. These men and women are the heroes of our country and we salute them today and pray for all those who continue to wear the uniforms of United States Military.

Reader:

### **Prayer of the Archdiocese for the Military Services**

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age.

Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to

remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **Intercessions**

Reader 2: For our Commander-In-Chief, and our political and military leaders that they may tirelessly seek peaceful settlements to international disputes; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the Lord may preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force from all harm; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the families, relatives and friends of our military members may be strengthened in this time of concern and anxiety; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the Lord may help families with men and women in the armed forces to cope with daily challenges in the absence of their loved ones; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That our homeland will be preserved from violence and terrorism; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the nations of the world will seek to work together in harmony and peace; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the hearts of all men and women will be moved to pursue true peace and justice; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That violence may be overcome by peace and hate give way to true charity; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That grateful for and inspired by those veterans who have given their lives for our country we may bravely face the challenges ahead; we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Lord, strengthen us to be your peacemakers in this world as together we pray...

All: Our Father...

### **Conclusion**

Leader: We also pray for all our departed veterans who have given their lives in service to our country.

O God,  
by whose mercy the faithful  
departed find rest,  
look kindly on your departed  
veterans who gave their  
lives in the service of their country.  
Grant that through the passion,  
death, and resurrection of your Son  
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom  
and rejoice in you with your saints forever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



May God bless us with his mercy, strengthen us with his love, and enable us to walk in charity and peace. Amen.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

