

Praying for our Military

Scriptures to remind us of the power of prayer:

Matthew 6:5-13 5"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11Give us today our daily bread. 12Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.[a]

Romans 8:26-27 26In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

James 1:5-7 5If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

James 4:2-3 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 5:15-17 15And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. 17Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Revelation 8:3-4 3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. 4The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

How to pray for soldiers:

Pray for them as **individuals** and not just "the troops!"

Pray for them to know Christ.

Pray for **their safety** if they are in action.

Pray for **their healing** if they are wounded.

Pray that our wounded will receive the **very best** of medical and psychological care available.

Pray for their **loneliness**, their lack of **simple comforts**, and **individual needs**.

Pray for the **families** of all our soldiers - for in a sense, they are at war as well.

Pray for the **Iraq and Afghanistan peoples** that they, too, would come to know Christ.

Pray for these peoples that they will want freedom badly enough to win it and keep it for themselves.

Pray **for the innocents** that get caught up in the death, destruction, and terror of this war; especially the children.

Pray that after all that has been given in **life, blood, and sacrifice** that **Iraq would emerge a free nation.**

Pray for the terrorist that they would **know Christ** and put down their weapons and try to heal their land.

Pray for the **safety of all Americans** here in our own country; that we will never experience another 9/11.

Pray for our **military officers** who daily have to make life and death decisions.

Pray for our **branches of government** that they would stop fighting for political superiority and get down to the business for which they were elected - to serve the people and not themselves. **Pray and write to them.**

Pray that **Congress** will pass laws and provide monies that support our guys and gals in providing what they need to get the job done. **Pray and write to them.**

Pray for our **President** and **his cabinet** that **they will pray** about all decisions and **seek God's advice** in making decisions that affects the world.

Pray for the **Chaplains** who minister to these guys and gals with many various personal problems just like what we have; and yet they are being shot at and blown up as well.

Pray for all **the nations** that are involved and those who should be.

Pray for **ourselves** that we will not forget that these soldiers are representing us and our rights to be free.

Pray that we will never become complacent and indifferent to the fact that we are at war.

Pray **thanking God** for the many thousands of volunteers who minister to these soldiers and provide what they can for their support, i. e. the hospital in Germany where they are taken first - and **other organizations** who are committing themselves to support and encourage these soldiers in so many ways.

Pray that God will reveal to **each of us** ways that we can **individually support** these men and women.

Pray that these **wars will soon be over** and that our heroes will come home victorious to their homes.