



Thank God for Veterans

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Scripture for Mediation

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

30 Day Gratitude Journal:

Write about a veteran and why you are thankful for them.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge:

Send a Thank You card to a veteran.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray for veterans and their families.

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord, we thank You for faithful and committed men and women answered the call to protect and serve. We pray Your blessings upon them and their families. For the sacrifices they made, the hardships they faced, and the difficulties that they endure, restore tenfold upon them your peace, presence, protection and providence. In Jesus name I pray, **Amen.**

Observation

I'm thankful for those who chose to chart the course of our Nation by serving in the Armed Forces, all races, creeds, political or religious persuasions, the Veterans. Even those since Colonial times up through this modern era men and women have donned the clothing of our several Armed Forces to “support and defend the constitution against all enemies foreign or domestic” even while facing racism and segregation in the military ranks.

I'm thankful for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, their very life, to provide what I refer to as the umbrella of protection under which we all sleep in the United States of America and its territories.

I'm thankful for each who gave and give of their best in defense of our Nation. Without God's divine direction and intervention we would not have attained the freedom and remained free.

I'm thankful for our ancestors and those unsung heroes, especially African Americans who had “Strength for the Fight” to endure and paved the way for others to move forward in the military as successful leaders, including this humble servant. In the words of Paul Laurence Dunbar in his “The Warrior's Prayer”,

“I do not ask that Thou shall front the fray,
And drive the warring foemen from my sight;
I only ask, O Lord, by night, by day,
Strength for the fight.”

Questions to Ponder

1. What do you appreciate most about the contributions of How have you grown since you have become a Christian? What is the evidence of your growth?
