

Holy God, we honor this day the men and women who serve our nation's military, both past and present, expressing our gratitude for their courage and selflessness. They have helped shape this nation, securing for its people the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all.

May this day be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at a cost, and should not be taken for granted. You, O God, know best of all, veterans often have deep wounds, some invisible to the eye. We pray for healing to come upon all those who are hurting. And we pray for their caregivers and families. Grant them your patience and wisdom as they walk this journey of healing together. May we, the people of this nation, never let down those who have served in its defense, always looking to You, our God, for guidance to lift up and care for them in the best ways.

God of everlasting faith, equip us to endure, laboring in faithful service, as we lead the world by example, until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace. Then, will the sacrifice of these veterans be honored not in words alone, but by our actions. We pray in the name Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen