

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." Psalms 33:12,22

PRAY.

Use this Guide to continue to pray for those facing struggles; go to www.ap4c.org to find additional Prayer Guides about other ongoing issues facing our city; and watch for future monthly Guides with relevant information specific to those issues. Pray about how you might be able to help.

LEARN.

- Go to www.unitethechurch.org to learn about ongoing needs, opportunities, and assets.
- There are many reasons why Veterans can become homeless, including poverty, lack of support from family or friends, substance use or mental health challenges that may develop or worsen as a result of trauma they experience while serving.

SERVE.

Use these resources to find local ways to get involved and stay informed.

http://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp
http://www.va.gov/homeless/about_the_initiative.asp
<https://www.usvetsinc.org/how-to-help/>

TELL.

Tell your friends, family, and co-workers about these needs and opportunities. Look at the resources above so you're ready to share helpful information with others as God puts it on your heart.



MAY 2017 PRAYER GUIDE

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Psalm 91:11

This month's AP4C topic is **The United States Military**.

It is our intention for believers from all ethnic, socio-economic and denominational backgrounds to unite in prayer and use this guide as a catalyst for our on-going prayer and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Since the conception of America, the United States Military has stood as a line of defense between the American people and those who would see this great land conquered. God has used the Armed Forces to serve our great country and to afford us the opportunity to sing, "My country tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride! From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!...Our father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing. Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"

As you read the Scriptures and prayer points, please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart for our Metroplex.



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All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation.

SALVATION

“But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; You are my God, do not delay.” Psalm 40:17

- Pray that God Almighty would break through the isolationist tendencies of our service members, meet with them where they are and implant the truth of the Gospel in their hearts.
- For those who feel that God has failed them because of the difficulties they experienced during a deployment, pray that God would heal their minds, bodies, and souls.
- As our actively serving Troops prepare for the rigors of war, pray that their hearts would be softened and turned to God as they face their own mortality in service to our Nation.
- Pray for those who you are personally connected to in the military—that their lives would be radically changed by a filling of the Holy Spirit.

THE CHURCH

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

- Pray that churches all over the Dallas metro area would join together and lift up our service members, their families and Veterans.
- Pray that the church would be the hands and feet that come alongside our Veterans, bringing Good News and a helping hand to those in need.
- Pray for our chaplains serving in the military and Veterans Affairs community. They are the church in uniform and need the guidance, protection, encouragement and blessing of our Lord to walk with our Troops.
- Let the love, grace, and peace of Jesus Christ be evident in the church as we, as a body, reach out to Veterans who do not know God.

OUR COMMUNITIES

“For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?” 2 Corinthians 2:15-16

- Pray for all of our military families, especially those families who have a loved one serving overseas. Pray that the community would surround them with love and help meet their needs.
- Pray for the Veteran organizations in our communities. Many Veterans are suffering beyond just the physical wounds that can be seen. Pray that Veterans will find the help and assistance they need.
- Pray for the homeless Veterans who gave so much for our country—for God’s healing touch and access to food and shelter.
- Pray for Military and Veteran ministry organizations so that God would use these ministries to change lives.

TRANSFORMATION

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle: be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3

- In a generation that is increasing in Bible illiteracy, pray that our Service Members, Veterans and their families would discover the truth found in God’s word. Pray that any misconceptions and presumptuous beliefs would be lovingly confronted with a message of hope in Jesus.
- Pray that the Gospel of Good News would not only be read but understood and sought after in military culture. As the Word of God rests in their hearts and minds, pray that faith and action would not be far behind.
- Pray for a revival in this country. If God would transform our military leaders, a culture of grace and mercy might pervade a very dark and daunting place.
- Pray that as lives are changed by Jesus, their families are strengthened. Pray peace would envelope families who live with the struggles faced by a Veteran’s inner battles.