

## A Prayer for Those at War

Heavenly Father, we approach your throne of grace in intercession for the members of our nation's armed services who have been placed in Harm's Way. We ask that You maintain a wall of fire around each of them as You ride point for every pilot, sailor, soldier, and marine. Give them clarity of thought under pressure, flexibility of application in the scrum of battle, and tranquility of soul once duty is done. Enable them to achieve their objectives honorably by means of confidence in the veracity of their cause and courage built on knowledge of Your Word.

Frustrate the enemy's plans; cause disorder among its leaders, and confuse its troops. Bring a swift conclusion to the campaign with minimal casualties. Following hostilities enable the Muslim peoples of Iraq to acknowledge the benevolence of a Christian commander-in-chief and his people as they establish an environment of peace and freedom.

Restrain those who speak ill of the mission, silence those who find fault with the strategy, and expose those whose loyalty is directed toward cosmic ideologies rather than our national interests. Demonstrate that the defense of our homeland against terror and Iraq against tyranny are nobler ends.

Our gratitude extends to those who will pay the ultimate price on our behalf, for they will achieve the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives on behalf of their countrymen. Insure that when biers bear their bodies home that sober appreciation recognizes the magnitude of their forfeit. And when the victors follow in stride overwhelm the voices of discontent with the cheers and applause of a grateful nation. Allow the success of this operation to bring renewed respect for our president, his advisors, and all who bring victory and peace to a heaven-rescued land.

We lift our prayer in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is *YHWH Sabaoth*: the Lord of the Armies. Amen.

(See Psalm 91: The Soldier's Anthem)