

# A Soldier's Prayer

Father in heaven I am in need of Your embrace.

I have given myself to You for You have known me before my birth and You have loved me from all time.

Now I am called to defend the defenseless, to insure justice for the oppressed, and to free those unjustly held captive.

I believe that all life is sacred and I yearn for the day when "swords will be turned in into plowshares".

It is not me desire to bear arms against my brothers and sisters, but evil surrounds the innocent and I must follow my conscience and be willing to face those who seek to destroy the dignity that You have gifted all men and women with.

Fill me with Your grace that I may never glorify war but strive always to bring about a universal community of love and acceptance.

Watch over my companions, release us from fear, and protect us in Your love.

Amen.

