

**For Families & Friends
Left At Home**

O God,
Protector of all people and nations,
protect my family &
friends at home
from the violence and evil
of others.
Keep them safe from the
weapons
of hate and destruction
and guard them against
the deeds of evildoers.
Grant them your
protection and care
in tranquility and peace.
Grant this through
Christ our Lord.

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On the Eve of Battle

God of power and mercy,
maker and love of peace,
to know you is to live,
and to serve you is to reign.
Through the intercession
of St. Michael, the archangel,
be our protection in battle
against all evil.
Help me [us] to overcome
war and violence
and to establish your law
of love and justice.
Grant this through
Christ our Lord.



**For Hope in the
Midst of Destruction**

God of mercy,
you know the secrets of all
human hearts,
for you know who is just
and you forgive the
repentant sinner.
Hear my prayer
in the midst of destruction;
give me patience & hope,
so that under your
protection & with you as
my guide, I may one day be
reunited with my family & friends
in peace, tranquility, and love.
Grant this through
Christ our Lord.



We acknowledge you as
one of our own who holds a
place in our assembly that
can not be filled by anyone
else. You are missed.
Know that every week at
every mass we will be
praying for you.

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**Prayer of a Parent
for a Departing Soldier**

Father all-powerful and
ever-loving God,
from before we were born,
your love has nurtured and
sustained us.
Hear my prayer for
N., my son/daughter.
Keep him/her safe
in time of battle
and faithful to you, day in
and day out.
Bring him/her safely home
to those who love him/her.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.

**Prayer for Those who
Await a Soldier's Return**

God of all goodness,
Look with love on those
of us who wait
for the safe return of our
loved ones who serve
in the armed forces
of our country.
In faith and hope,
we turn to you for comfort.
Grant that we may
trust in your mercy
and send an angel
to sustain us
as we await their safe return.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.

For Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God,
those who take refuge in
you will be glad and forever
will shout for joy.
Protect these soldiers as
they discharge their duties.
Protect them with the
shield of your strength
and keep them safe from
all evil and harm.
May the power of your love
enable them to return home
in safety, that with all who
love them, they may ever
praise you for your loving care.
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We acknowledge your
sacrifice and pain. Know
that you are not alone in
concern for you child. We
your parish community are
praying with you for the
safe return of your dear one.

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**Prayer of a Spouse
for a Soldier**

God of power & might, at
every moment and in every
place you are near to those
who call upon your name in
faith.
In marriage you have
blessed us with a share in
your divine love.
Look upon my husband
/wife & keep him/her in
your safekeeping, no matter
where the road may lead.
And when the battle is ended,
bring him/her safely home
to those who love him/her.
We ask this through

Christ our Lord.

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concern for you spouse. We
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