



2017-2019 LWML Mission Grant #3

Christ for Veterans and Their Families
LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces, \$27,750

Devotion

Leader: In the name of our Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN

Read together: (Say or sing.) **LSB 717 vs.1**

**Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep, Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for the men and women in our military who serve You as they serve our country. Help us to be of service to them by providing what they need when they return from times of deployment – which is mercy, witness, and life together. We thank You for the assistance provided by Operation Barnabas and the work they so faithfully do.

Read together: (Say or sing.) **LSB 717 vs. 2**

**O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs a-main
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand, From every peril on the land.**

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the true meaning of peace, yet we live in a world of unrest and conflict. Direct our lives to reflect the peace, which only You can give, so that all may realize no matter where we are, You will be our source of protection from the devil, the world, and our own sinful selves. As our military strives now, as in the past, to work toward earthly peace, keep us mindful of how we can be encouragers to them when they return to their families and communities. We thank You for the care provided by the Ministry to the Armed Forces Operation Barnabas.

Read together: (Say or sing.) **LSB 717 vs. 3**

**O Spirit, whom the Father sent, To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might, Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care, From every peril in the air.**

Leader: Lord God, Holy Spirit, You have been sent to us as our Comforter. We ask that You enable us to share this comfort with others, especially the military service

men and women, their families, and veterans. Bless the efforts of Operation Barnabas as they work through relationships that offer encouragement and thanksgiving centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Read together: (Say or sing.) LSB 717 vs. 4

**O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus ever-more shall rise to Thee, Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

Leader: O blessed Holy Trinity, we come to You asking for Your protection, Your mercy, and Your everlasting grace. As we have received these gifts from You, guide us to share this love, so freely given to us, with others. Continue to direct the work of our Synod through the efforts of Operation Barnabas as they provide a network of care to reach out to members of the military, their families, and veterans. In all these things we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.