



2017-2019 LWML Mission Grant #3

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

Prayer Guide

Prayer #1 – O Lord, almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit to bless us with the desire to reach out and encourage our military service people, their families, and the many veterans who served. We thank You for the work of our Ministry to the Armed Forces/*Operation Barnabas*. Grant Your continual blessings to them as they reach out in Your name to minister to these dedicated military and veterans as they reintegrate back into their communities and churches. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #2 – Dear Lord, Jesus Christ, The goal of *Operation Barnabas* is to train and equip leaders to take back to the congregations ways to share with veterans and their families that You are the true source of peace. Their goal is to connect soldiers with their families after deployment and reintegrate them back into the worship life of their congregation. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to support this endeavor and help them in their effort to remind us that our everlasting peace comes from You. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Prayer #3 – Heavenly Father, Protector of all, we humbly ask You to strengthen and preserve our military, both active and veterans. Grant that we would uphold them in prayer, commending them into Your care both in times of service, as well as when they have returned home. Bless the efforts of *Operation Barnabas* in their endeavors to lead us in ways to be an encouragement to them. We pray this in the name of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

Prayer #4 – Dear Lord, we thank You for all that You are and all that You have done. We ask You now to give us a measure of Your grace and guide us by Your Holy Spirit, to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the military, their families, and those who have served. Often when they return after deployment or other forms of service, their needs are not evident to us. We thank You for the equipping and encouragement provided by our Ministry of Armed Forces/*Operation Barnabas* that trains and enables us to reach out with compassionate care and Gospel outreach. Bless their efforts and lead us to prayerfully connect with our military and veterans, serving them as we share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.