

# I Am Your Flag

I am the symbol of the living America,  
the badge of its greatness, the emblem of its destiny.

I am faith.

It is I who keep men mindful of their priceless heritage,  
life, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness.

I am hope.

I represent the land of promise wherein,  
already, man's loftiest  
dreams have approached closer  
to realization than ever before on this earth.

I am life.

Each strand and fiber of my being is a memorial,  
dedicated to the sacrifices of all those strong men  
and steadfast women who have lived and  
died in the nation's service, that it might live forever.

I am tolerance.

So long as I shall wave, all people under my protection  
may freely worship, think, write and speak,  
undaunted by the shadow of fear.

I am justice, tempered with mercy.  
For I am friend to the oppressed  
and downtrodden of every land.

I am a sign of the future.

I wave over schools throughout the nation  
and in them the nation's future is molded.

I am the flag of the United States... the last...  
the best hope for peace on earth.

# I Am Your Flag

I was born June 14, 1777

I am more than just a cloth shaped in a design  
I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people.

I am the silent sentinel of freedom.

I am the emblem of the greatest  
sovereign nation on earth.

I am the inspiration for which American Patriots  
gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from  
Valley Forge to Saudi Arabia.

I walk with the beat of the muffled drum  
with each of your honored dead, to their final resting place  
beneath the silent white crosses, now row upon row.

I have flown through peace and war,  
strife and prosperity, and amidst it all, I have been respected.

My red stripes- symbolize the blood spilled in defense  
of this glorious nation.

My white stripes- signify the burning tears shed by  
Americans who lost their sons and daughters.

My blue field- is indicative of  
God's heaven under which I fly.

My stars- clustered together, unify fifty states as one,  
for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly  
I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives  
and your fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position,  
lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism; strive earnestly  
for the spirit of democracy.

I am your flag  
Display me proudly  
Treat me with respect

# A Military Prayer 1

God, our Father

Help me to remain true to my ideals during  
my service to my country.

Help me be what is in America, the land of the free.

May I realize that I represent  
what our country stands for.

My uniform is a symbol of duty  
and valor both in peace and in war.

I take up arms to defend what all Americans hold dear:  
life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Grant me the strength to live according to these ideals,  
the courage of my convictions, and the resolve to endure  
whatever dangers threaten.

With you at our side I fear no evil and resist every enemy,  
secure in the knowledge that you hold me  
in the palm of your hand.

# A Military Prayer 2

Dear God,

This prayer that I say tonight  
Is for my spouse who must fight  
For you see, he is away from me  
Keeping his country safe and free  
This is the one that I love  
And so I ask you Lord above  
Please keep him safe while under way  
And bring him home to me someday  
While he is gone, please hear my prayer  
And let him know I will be there  
Waiting for him to come home  
Hoping and praying with some fear  
This prayer is not for him alone  
But for all military far from home  
I ask you to keep them safe and sound  
On their way to where their bound  
We love these men & women  
that are asked to fight  
So, keep them safe for us tonight.

# Soldier Prayer

Look God, I have never spoken to you before  
But now I want to say "How do you do."  
You see God, they told me You didn't exist  
And like a fool I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky,  
I figured right then they had told me a lie.  
Had I taken the time to see things You made  
I'd have know they weren't calling a spade a spade

I wonder God if You'd shake my hand,  
Somehow I feel that You will understand.  
Funny I had to come to this Hellish place  
Before I had time to see Your face.

Well I guess there isn't much more to say,  
But I sure am glad, God, I met you today.  
I guess the zero hour will soon be here,  
I am not afraid since I know you are here.

The signal! Well God, I'll have to go,  
I like You lots, this I want You to know.  
Look now this will be a horrible fight,  
Who knows I may come to You tonight?

Though I wasn't friendly to You before,  
I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your door.  
Look, I am crying! Me shedding tears!  
I wish I had known You these many years,  
Well I have to go now, God good-bye!  
Since I met You, I'm not afraid to die.

# The Soldier

It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag,  
who serves under the flag,  
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

# He Stands Guard

On a cold clear night, the stars shine like his eyes,  
As he paces from one end to the other,  
His mind is full of memories and dreams to be fulfilled,  
And he dreams of home, as he stands guard.

He's seen it all, the trials and tribulations,  
The poverty the hardships,  
In the places we've never seen,  
And he tries to put it behind him, as he stands guard.

He protects the world we live in,  
He protects the love we share,  
He protects the freedom of his unborn children,  
He protects the home he left behind, as he stands guard.

He's thought of constantly,  
By his friends and family,  
He's wanted back home,  
Back in the arms of love, as he stands guard.

He created the freedom we possess,  
He is the strength that we don't,  
He is the pride that keeps us going,  
He is the mystery in red, white & blue, as he stands guard.

He is a son,  
He is a brother,  
He is a friend,  
He is a lover,  
He is the soul that binds,  
He is the soldier that stands guard.

# Medals

Don't envy a man his medals  
All those ribbons on his chest  
He did not try to get them  
They're not there at his request  
They were earned in stinking hell holes  
Where no man would like to go  
Or in cold and wintry places  
Where there's only ice and snow  
He did not know he earned them  
Till they were awarded at parade  
And they were bright when he first got them  
But in time the colors fade  
He was told he had to wear them  
And to wear them all with pride  
But when the memories come to haunt him  
Those same medals make him hide  
Cause those medals will not bring back  
All those guys he left behind  
And he would trade them all forever  
For a little peace of mind  
So don't envy a man his medals  
You don't want to take his place  
Thinking back to long gone battles  
And meeting dead friends face to face

## An Everyday Hero

There are heroes who walk among us  
never looking for glory or praise.

They don't seek recognition  
for their thoughtful, caring ways.

Living lives of deep commitment  
providing protection and calming fears.

Steadfast with a quiet strength  
through times of crisis and tears.

You are an everyday hero,

The most selfless by far

So, this is a special "thank you"

For being the Hero that you are.

## I Am Old Glory

For more than ten score years  
I have been the banner of hope  
and freedom for generation  
after generation of Americans.

Born amid the first flames of  
America's fight for freedom,

I am the symbol of a country that has  
grown from a little group of thirteen colonies  
to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.

Planted firmly on the high  
pinnacle of American Faith  
my gently fluttering folds  
have proved an inspiration to untold millions.

Men have followed me into battle  
with unwavering courage.

They have looked upon me  
as a symbol of national unity.

They have prayed that they  
and their fellow citizens might continue to  
enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness,  
which have been granted to every American  
as the heritage of free men.

So long as men love liberty  
more than life itself;  
so long as they treasure  
the priceless privileges bought  
with the blood of our forefathers;  
so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity  
for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts,  
I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the  
United States of America.

## Airforce Prayer

Angels above us,  
protect, guide, and assist us as we fly.  
Be with us as we take to the air  
Archangel Michael on our right,  
Gabriel on our left,  
Rafael in front of us,  
Ariel at our back,  
Mother Earth beneath our feet,  
Christ Light from above unfolds on your wings  
Give us courage and make us brave;  
Protect us where ever we go,  
From shell and flak and fire and foe.  
Direct our bombs upon the foe  
But shelter those who are innocent.  
And bring us safely down again.

## Air Force Pilot's Prayer

Lord of Sea and Earth and Air,  
Listen to the Pilot's prayer.  
Send him wind that's steady and strong.  
Grant that his engine sings the song,  
Of flawless tone, by which he knows.  
It shall not fail him where he goes,  
Landing, gliding, in curve, half-roll,  
Grant him, O Lord a full control,  
That he may learn in heights of Heaven,  
The rapture altitude has given.  
That he shall know the joy they fell,  
Who ride Thy realms on Birds of Steel.

## Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.

I am a warrior.

I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.

My mission is to fly, fight, and win.

I am faithful to a proud heritage,

A tradition of honor,

And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman,

Guardian of freedom and justice,

My nation's sword and shield,

Its sentry and avenger.

I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman:

Wingman, leader, warrior.

I will never leave an Airman behind,

I will never falter,

And I will not fail.

## The Marine's Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love  
Never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to  
Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against  
Dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I  
Can faces my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee to do the  
Work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities  
With vigor and enthusiasm.

Grant me the courage to be Proficient in my daily performance.  
Keep me loyal and faithful To my superiors and to the duties  
my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted in me. Make  
me considerate of those Committed to my leadership. Help me to  
wear my uniform with Dignity, and let it remind me daily  
of traditions which I must Uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am Tempted,  
make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, Give me  
courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth And grant  
me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to  
My prayer.

# United States Marine Corps Creed (The Rifleman's Creed)

This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine.

My rifle is my best friend. It is my life.

I must master it as I master my life.

My rifle, without me, is useless.

Without my rifle, I am useless.

I must fire my rifle true.

I must shoot straighter than any enemy who is trying to kill me.

I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will....

My rifle and myself know that what counts

in this war is not the rounds we fire,

the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make.

We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit...

My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life.

Thus, I will learn it as a brother.

I will learn its weakness, its strength,

its parts, its accessories, its sights and its barrel.

I will keep my rifle clean and ready,

even as I am clean and ready.

We will become part of each other. We will...

Before God I swear this creed.

My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country.

We are the masters of our enemy.

We are the saviors of my life.

So be it, until victory is America's

and there is no enemy, but Peace.

## The Sailor's Creed (Navy Sailor's Oath)

I am a United States Sailor.

I will support and defend the Constitution of the  
United States of America and I will obey the orders  
of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy  
and those who have gone before me to defend freedom  
and democracy around the world.

I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with  
Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of  
all.

# Army Soldier's Oath

I am an American Soldier  
I am a member of the United States Army.  
A protector of the greatest nation on earth.  
Because I am proud of the uniform I wear,  
I will always act in ways creditable to the military service  
and the nation it is sworn to guard.  
I am proud of my own organization.  
I will do all I can to make it the finest unite in the Army.  
I will be loyal to those under who I serve.  
I will do my full party to carry out orders  
and instructions given me or my unit.  
As a soldier, I realize that I am a member to a time-honored  
profession.  
That I am doing my share to keep alive  
the principles of freedom for which my country stands.  
No matter what situation I am in,  
I will never do anything for pleasure, profit or personal safety,  
which will disgrace my uniform, my unit or my country.  
I will sue every means I have, even beyond the line of duty,  
to restrain my Army comrades from actions  
disgraceful to themselves and the uniform.  
I am proud of my country and it's flag.  
I will try to make the people of this nation proud of the service  
I represent, for I am an American soldier.

# A Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.  
I am a Warrior and a member of a team.  
I serve the people of the United States,  
and live the Army Values.  
I will always place the mission first.  
I will never accept defeat.  
I will never quit.  
I will never leave a fallen comrade.  
I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained  
and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.  
I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.  
I am an expert and I am a professional.  
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of  
the United States of America in close combat.  
I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.  
  
I am an American Soldier.

## Coast Guard's Creed

I am proud to be a United States Coast Guardsman.  
I revere that long line of expert seamen who by their devotion  
to duty and sacrifice of self have made it possible for me  
to be a member of a service honored and respected  
in peace and in war, throughout the world.

I never, by work or deed, will bring reproach  
upon the fair name of my service,  
nor permit others to do so unchallenged.  
I will cheerfully and willingly obey all lawful orders.

I will always be on time to relieve, and shall endeavor  
to do more, rather than less, than my share.  
I will always be at my station,  
alert and attending to my duties.

I shall, so far as I am able,  
bring to my seniors solutions, not problems.  
I shall live joyously, but always with due regard  
for the rights and privileges of others.

I shall endeavor to be a model citizen  
in the community in which I live.  
I shall sell life dearly to an enemy of my country,  
but give it freely to rescue those in peril.

## The Silent Ranks

I wear no uniforms, no blues or army greens.  
But I am in the military in the ranks rarely seen.  
I have no rank upon my shoulders,  
Salutes I do not give.  
But the military world is the place where I live

I'm not in the chain of  
command, orders I do not get.  
But my husband is the one that does,  
this I cannot forget.  
I'm not the one who fires the weapon,  
Who puts my life on the line.  
But my job is just as tough. I'm the one that's left  
behind.

My husband is a patriot, a brave and prideful man and the call to  
serve his county,  
not all can understand.  
Behind the line I see the things  
needed to keep this county free.  
My husband makes this sacrifice,  
but so do our kids and me.

I love the man I married. Soldiering is his life. But I stand  
among the silent ranks  
Known as the military wife.

## Lord's Prayer for the Military Wife

Lord, Grant me the greatness of heart to see,  
the difference in duty and his love for me.  
Give me the understanding to know,  
That when duty calls he must go.  
Give me a task to do each day,  
to fill the time when he is away,  
And Lord, when duty is in the field,  
Please protect him and be his shield.

## A Soldier Reports to God

The soldier stood and faced his God, which must always come to pass  
He hoped his shoes were shining just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward now, you soldier, How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?”

The soldier squared his shoulders and said, “No, Lord, I guess I ain't  
Because those of us who carry guns, can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was tough,  
And sometimes I've been violent, because the streets are awfully rough

But, I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep....  
Though I worked a lot of overtime, when the bills just got too steep,

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear,  
And sometimes, God forgave me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place, among the people here  
They never wanted me around, except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand  
I never expected or had too much, but if you don't I'll understand.”

There was a silence all around the throne, where the saint's had often trod  
As the soldier waited quietly, for the judgment of his God,

“Step forward now you soldier, you've borne your burdens well,  
Walk peacefully on Heaven's street, you've done your time in Hell.”

To all that serve