

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

Our Father, thank you for the privilege of meeting here today. Give us Thy strength, wisdom and guidance. Grant our members your blessing as we work with pride and patriotism to further the aims and purposes of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans and their families. Thank you for preserving our Nation, where justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty reside. Help us to retain peace and grant us Thy never-failing love. Amen

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Loving, heavenly Father, we come to you this hour asking for your blessing, as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be. We ask this in Thy name. Amen

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Dear God, we thank Thee for the great privilege Thou has bestowed upon us to again allow us to assemble in this meeting. We pray and beg of Thee to keep us, Thy servants, from temptation, to keep us in health and strengthen us in spirit so that we may perform our duties to our Sisters and Comrades. Bless we ask Thee, the families of all departed Comrades and help us to realize our duties toward them and toward the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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We seek your help with our affairs today. Bless this meeting with Thy divine judgment, and help us to make the best use of our own. Please keep our minds and hearts open and help us to realize our responsibilities to this organization, its members and their families, to those in harm's way and to our country. In this we pray. Amen

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Lord, we are here today to conduct matters of importance. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of truth and understanding. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our actions as we dedicate ourselves to the principles of this organization. In this we pray. Amen

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We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and as that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Help us to work together, leaving our petty differences behind and encourage each other to excellence. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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Almighty God, we thank you for bringing us together this day. Inspire us to worthy deeds and sound decisions and direct us toward the attainment of our goal. We pray that You would bless and protect all of our people. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony.

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With humble hearts and a sense of our responsibility, yet proud of the confidence placed in us by our sisters of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; with hearts grateful for the rich heritage bequeathed to us by our fathers, yet also determined to be ever vigilant to preserve it, we ask Your blessings, O God, on this conference (meeting), that it may be fruitful in its accomplishments and lasting in the good it effects. Be with us, O God, in our deliberations. Inspire us with Your wisdom, direct us in our thinking, and guide us as we work for You, our Nation, and our Veterans.

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Be with us, O Lord, as we gather for this important conference (convention/meeting). May Your wisdom and counsel guide us as we seek to

develop and authorize programs to benefit the citizens and especially the veterans of this great land.

Teach us to think wisely and carefully before we speak, to act with courage and conviction for the good of all rather than simply for vested interests, and to deal charitable with one another that we may all continue to enjoy mutual respect. So may we serve You in spirit and in truth that our accomplishments will be built upon the firm foundation of charity and justice. Thus may our work both in our public sessions and our committees bring credit to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and be of benefit to those we seek to serve, to Your great honor and glory.

### **TABLE GRACE**

Dear Lord, a circle of friends is a blessed thing. We thank you for all the blessings of friendship. We thank you for this food, which is ours through your Goodness.

Bless the persons who worked to provide it and the persons who prepared it. Bless all who have come to share in this program, and when the evening ends... may all have a safe journey home. Amen

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Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all and for all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us. This we ask in Thy name. Amen

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Heavenly Father from above, be present at our table. May we prosper and grow, now and forever, through your guidance and care. Bless us all, and these gifts which we receive at your table, from your bountiful goodness in Thy glory....

Amen

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Thank you, Lord, for this food which is set before us. May we use it to nourish our bodies, and thee to nourish our souls. Make us ever more mindful of the needs of others, and the needs of our planet. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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Bless us, O Lord, for these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Help us to be mindful of all our blessings, and the needs of those who have less. Amen.

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For all the fine food and Thy gifts of love,  
We give Thee thanks and praise.  
Look down upon us from above,  
And bless us all our days. Amen.

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Father we thank you for this meal and may it be used for the nourishment of our bodies. Protect those who are in harm's way, and keep them safe for they are preserving our freedoms. In this we pray. Amen

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We give you thanks from grateful hearts for this meal, for our fellowship, for your provision of food and for those who prepared this meal. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others. May we never forget those who served and are serving keep them safe so one day they can return to their loving families. In this we pray.  
Amen

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Bless, O Lord, this food to our use, and us to Your service; And keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

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Father, You have blessed us in so many ways and we thank You – for the opportunity to unite in this moment of prayer, this special privilege we have in America. We ask Your blessings on this food. May our fellowship, as we partake be an added blessing as we strive to keep America – “One Nation Under God.”

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Dear Lord, may this meal that we share be seasoned from above with Your blessings and Your grace – but most of all Your love.

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Thanks You, O Lord, for guiding us towards achieving our goals. Thank You for giving us the opportunity to gather at this banquet/meal and to appreciate life. Thank You for our heavenly and earthly gifts which You have bestowed upon us.

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Grant that our fellowship here will draw us closer to one another, to the end that we will use the strength gained from the food we partake to the work You have given us to do. Let us serve You not with the Spirit of cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in You and rejoicing in Your work, that freedom and peace may abound.

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Our Heavenly Father, We thank you for fond memories, old friends, and new friendships. WE have traveled various roads to get to this time in our lives, and this place. May we always have You as our traveling companion as we journey. Bless O Lord, our food which we are about to receive from Your bounty.

### ***AFTER MEALS***

Our hearts we lift in praise, we thank you for your love, for your joy and for your strength. We ask your blessing over us as we leave this room and return safely to our homes. We ask your blessing for our troops as they fight to maintain our

freedom. Keep them safe and warm and return them to their loving families. In this we pray. Amen

### ***CLOSING PRAYERS***

Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. May we leave here recognizing that You are the God of all wisdom and that You are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in Thy name. Amen

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Heavenly Father as we come to the end of our time together we thank you for your gifts of compromise and resolution. May our hearts be comforted in the knowledge that you are tending to those in harm's way. May we soon see them reunited with their families and friends and they are given the accolades they so strongly deserve. Amen

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Heavenly Father, hear our prayer; May you be with us everywhere. Grant us Your blessings day by day. May Your wisdom guide us through the year. This is our earnest prayer. Until we meet again. May You be with us everywhere. Amen

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Heavenly Father as we come to the end of our time together we thank Thee for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward in all areas of our life. Protect our soldiers as they sleep and guide them safely throughout each day. Watch over our sisters who have lost loved ones and have them return to us in peace. In this we pray. Amen

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As we leave this gathering, please protect our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines while at war. Watch over their families as they wait for their safe return.

Protect our youth as they start new adventures and protect our country from those who wish to destroy it. Allow us to safely return home so that we may meet again in this we pray. Amen

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Heavenly Father as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for allowing us to gather and share our ideas and concerns. May we live our lives as bravely as those who are in harm's way and as strong as those who wait for their return. We pray for safe travels and great joy until we are again join together. Amen

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Heavenly Father, Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. And may God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always.

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God grant to the living, grace; to the departed to rest; to the Nation, peace and concord; to us all the promise of everlasting life, light to guide us on our way, courage to support us, and Your blessings to unite us in service to You Our God and this Country.

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Our Father, help us to remember that freedom does not automatically perpetuate itself, that we have to work at it, nurture it, protect it, and pray for it. Freedom, like faith, needs our attention and our cooperation.

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Our Heavenly Father, with heads uncovered and bowed in tribute to our fallen, we bring this meeting to a close. Before we part our separate ways, we pause to

think of our members who are experiencing difficult times. For them and their families, we pray for strength and courage. In the silence of this moment, we dedicate ourselves anew to our God and country.

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Glory be to You our Lord as we behold the blessings You have given us as citizens of the United States of America. We thank You Lord, for this blessed and bountiful Land. Help us to renew our loyalty to this great Country and enable us to rededicate ourselves in faith to Thy service. We pray Lord, in Your Holy Name.

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Let us depart in peace and in love and charity with our neighbors. May we be joined together in the common goal of service to our God and our Country. Let us drive safely and carefully to our homes, and may God's blessings be with us all.

### ***LOYALTY DAY PRAYERS***

Dear Lord, we have gathered here for this Loyalty Day celebration in unity. To promote the true meaning of patriotism, love and respect for our flag and country. Give us the strength, Lord, to promote this true purpose of Loyalty Day into the hearts of all Americans. This we ask in Thy name. Amen

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### ***VETERANS DAY PRAYERS***

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who have given their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, and for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Thy name we pray. Amen



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## **MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS**

Dear Lord, today as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we come together united as one to honor those sacrifices. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessing to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day. In Thy name we pray. Amen

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Almighty God, in Your hands are the living and the dead; we give You thanks for all those, our comrades and sisters, who have laid down their lives in the service of our Country. May they rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May the good work of seeking justice for the oppressed and peace for all mankind be rewarded with success, that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain. And may we never fail to remember the awesome cost of the freedom which we enjoy.

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O Lord, remember those who lived and died fighting to protect the dignity and the freedom of mankind. Let our spirits be proud of them. Let our hearts be compassionate, and our minds clear and determined in giving them honor and respect. Let this day be a day of commemoration and honor to those who sacrificed their lives in order to give us liberty and our National security. Remember them, in Your mercy, and make us a generation of wisdom, discipline and faith we pray in Your Name.

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We thank you, Lord, for the privilege of meeting on this hallowed day in this free nation to honor our noble dead and to re-dedicate our lives to You and our

Country. We thank You that we are permitted to live through days of challenge, for the hours of the testing of our loyalty to our national heritage, and for our devotion to the high ideals for which others have lived and died. Bless, O God, the thousands of disabled veterans in our hospitals today and also the homeless veterans in our land. Relieve pain, ease their suffering, and give them cheer and hope. Help us to respond gladly and generously to their needs of body and spirit. We pray for our brave servicemen and women who may still be in prisons in a strange and foreign land. Give them courage in the face of hopelessness and comfort in the midst of loneliness. On this day of sacred memory, we ask for grace and power to be more loyal citizens of this great Country and of Your world. Grant that we may yet see the day when war and fear of war shall no longer be; the day when peace shall become our common possession; the day when Your will shall be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

### ***POW/MIA PRAYERS***

Our Heavenly Father, who answers prayers and does not scorn the wishes of the humblest of Thy children, hear our prayer, as we come to honor our Prisoners of War and to reinforce our great concern for the welfare of our service men not accounted for. We pray also for their loved ones, patiently waiting for some sign or message of hope. Give us strength to continue the search until every person is accounted for. Give us Hope for a happier, brighter future. And last of all give us Faith to continue all of your good work. In this we ask in Thy name. Amen

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Father, Your own Son was a prisoner. Condemned, he died for us. Victorious, He returned to bring us the gift of life everlasting. Comfort us now in our longing for the return of the Prisoners of War and those missing in action. Help us Father; inspire us to remove the obstacles. Give courage to those who know the truth to speak out. Grant wisdom to the negotiators and compassion to the jailors. Inspire the media to speak out as loudly as they have in the past. Show us the tools to do Your will. Guard and bless those in captivity, their families and those who work for their release. Let them come home soon. Thank you Father, Amen

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## ***PRAYERS OF INSPIRATION***

### **To the Soldiers of America**

Stand right beside us...  
We forget that you are there.  
When troubles comes to find us...  
We turn to you with prayer.  
Without a hesitation...  
You step into the fight,  
Standing right before us...  
To protect us day and night.  
You leave your home and family...  
Knowing where you're bound.  
With Courage, Strength and Valor...  
You stand a piece of ground.  
Security, peace and freedom...  
Are the gifts that you supply.  
The soldiers of America...  
On you we can rely.

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### **Impossible Dream**

The more faith you have, the more you believe. The more goals you set, the more you'll achieve. So reach for the stars; pick a mountain to climb. Dare to think big, but give yourself time. Remember no matter how futile things seem, with faith; there is no impossible dream.

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May the sun bring you new energy by day,  
May the moon softly restore you by night,  
May the rain wash away your worries,  
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.  
May you walk through the world and know  
Its beauty all the days of your life

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### **A National Prayer**

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful for Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry sound learning and pure manners

Save us from violence, discord and confusion from pride and arrogances and from every evil way defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought gather out of many kindred and tongues.

Endow with the spirit of wisdom on those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government that there may be justice and peace at home and that through obedience to Thy law we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the Earth.

In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of troubles suffer not our trust in Thee to fail all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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### **DEDICATION TO NEW AUXILIARY**

Heavenly Father, Grant that we, whose lot is cast in such goodly circumstance and so rich a heritage, may strive together through generosity, diligence, and our earnest labors, complete the tasks to which we have set our hands and the programs we have pledged to undertake. May the dedication of this new Auxiliary be a symbol and a reminder of our dedication to serve our God, our Country, our community, our State, our Nation, and the Veterans of this great land in their need as we are able. All this we ask of You in Thy name.

### **PRAYERS FOR DECEASED COMRADES/SISTERS**

O God of mercy, peace, and love, we remember before You in this moment our Comrade/Sister and friend (name). We recall with gratitude and respect all that he/she stood for in this life. Help us to live in the companionship of his/her spirit.

May we be kind to the friends and family he/she loved; devoted to the

community in which he/she lived; and loyal to the causes which he/she served. Thus, in our life, may he/she live on, to our great comfort, to the betterment of Your creation, and to the furthering of Your most Holy will.

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O Lord our God, we ask that You will comfort all who are bereaved with a spirit of faith and courage. May they remember, give thanks, for the love and joy they shared in an earthly relationship. May they be comforted with the sure knowledge of a joyful reunion with those they live in Your Everlasting Kingdom.

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Heavenly Father, we call upon You for all who mourn the loss of those near and dear to them. Be to those in sorrow a strong support in their loneliness and a comforter in their time of grief. Be ever near them, draw them into closer fellowship with You, and grant them sure trust and confidence in Your Fatherly care.

### **For Junior Girls and Units**

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for the children You have placed in our care. Give us grace and wisdom to train them in Your faith and love. May they give You due reverence and all the joyous loyalty of their young hearts, so that as they advance in years they may also grow in the grace and knowledge of You, who love all children and blessed them. Guide us and direct our efforts as we labor to train our youth for tomorrow's responsibilities and leadership.

All this we ask in His name.

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O Lord, source of all strength, fountainhead of all wisdom: look in mercy upon our beloved young people; replenish them with Your truth. Teach them to follow the truth. Adorn them with purity of life; keep them strong in body, keen of mind and sound of soul. Guide them through the shadowy valleys of life. Make them conscious of Your presence with them as they gain the heights of glory in the glad

sunshine of some victory. Comfort them when they are discouraged. May Your peace, which passes all understanding, abide upon them all the days of their life.

### **PUBLIC SERVANT PRAYERS**

Our Father in Heaven, watch over all Policemen/Law Enforcement Officers/Firefighters. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty.

WE Pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe day and night. We Recommend Them To Your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them Your unending strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women, unite them safely with their families after their duty has ended.