

Heavenly Father, thank you for this time of praise and worship. And thank you Father for those who have given their time and some even their lives in service to our great country. May we honor our Veterans as we continue to celebrate Veterans Day. May we be encouraged by the truth of Your Word as we contemplate what it means to be thankful for those who serve and for those who have served.

John 15:12-13: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Thank you, Lord, that people serve in our military that we may be free. We are free to worship you today because Veterans have set aside their lives and some have given their lives to make freedom a reality in this country.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you, Lord, that in Christ our salvation is secure. Just as Christ gave His life to ransom us from a life of sin, Veterans have given of their lives that we might be free to express the joy of our salvation and share it with others.

Ephesians 6:10-11: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

God, protect those who have served and are serving. Bless them and help them to stand against all evil. Help us to treasure the freedom that has been secured for us. God be with Israel in this time of great struggle. Bless Israel as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



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