

Veterans' Day Celebration
Malibu Chamber of Commerce
Malibu City Hall
November 11, 2003

Prayer:

O, God, Lord of life and love and peace, we come seeking a blessing on this special day of remembrance and offering thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received from your hand. Today we especially give thanks for our country and the freedom we enjoy and for which it stands. We are grateful that you have gifted us with memory and thus we gather on this special day to honor and remember all the men and women of our armed forces, both past and present, who have come from all walks of life to protect and defend our liberty. We particularly remember with gratitude all who have died in service to our beloved nation and we honor all who have served and those who this very day, whether near at hand or in distant places, who are prepared to give their lives in defense of our country. And we continue to pray fervently for your grace and blessing upon all who are in harm's way. We ask for your protection and your watchful eye. If any fall in battle or in a terrorist's scheme, we ask a blessing on their families and those who will mourn their loss. You alone can know the losses associated with war, so we pray for all who suffer yet this day or have died that are known only to you.

We pray, O God, for wisdom and guidance from above. We pray for the leaders of the world, that they will seek your face and your wisdom. We pray for our country and our leaders. Draw near to them in your grace and give them guidance in times of peril. We ask that you lead us in paths of righteousness and teach us the ways of peace. And to that end we pray, Oh, God – our lord and father of all humankind – we pray for peace in the world and for the sake of the world. It is in the name of the Prince of Peace that we pray, Amen.

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