

**Veterans Day Celebration**  
**Malibu Chamber of Commerce**  
**City Hall**  
**11/11/02**

O God, creator and sustainer of all life, we give you thanks 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. And we pause to honor, celebrate, 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 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 pray especially today for your blessing upon all who are in harm's way.

We pray, O God, in these treacherous times for wisdom and guidance from above. 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.

D'Esta Love  
University Chaplain