



**Greetings to all:**

**After spending the morning out quilting and surviving the cold temperatures in our area, I made the decision to stay in and keep warm. So, I decided to grab a cup of hot chocolate and do my unit mailing for March and April. So hear it goes.**

**Urgent – deadline to submit is March 31, 2019**

In preparation of the **Book of Prayers** for our **Department President Jean Walker**, I ask of you and Auxiliary members to send me some prayers to include in her Booklet of Prayers. These can be emailed or snail mailed to me. They can be prayers previously used or if you are creative, write your own. Please include your name, Unit #, and contact info. Send as many as you wish. Thank you to those that have already sent their prayers and district mid-year report.

**This year Dr Deborah Blanch is serving as our National Chaplain.**

**Her Action Plan:** American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains express, by work and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country and encourage all departments to celebrate diversity among people and faiths. Auxiliary Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional guidance when needed or requested, always sending dignity and respect to the occasion. All prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational. “Non-denominational means” not restricted to or associated with a religious denomination.

An excellent tool to utilize is the “**Reflections**” page in the **National Magazine** **each month** that she provides.

I will share a few excerpts from her March and April Reflections:

**March** – May the month March shower our souls with the fresh air of success as we continue to serve our American Legion family. As we continue to review and reflect on our programs, let us redirect our paths-if there is a need. We hold the future of many lives in our hands.

**April**-The month of Easter hold special significance to each of us. We are thankful for all the successes you have blessed us with over the last few months. We continue to raise our voices together and give you the praise always.

## **Some additional Prayers for the upcoming months:**

### **Birthday Dinner Prayer**

Heavenly Father, as we gather tonight to celebrate the Birthday of the American Legion, we believe that not only is this what the Founding Fathers had in mind for our members, but that truly this is what we have been doing these many years, sharing and giving our joys, our talents, ourselves, not only to veterans and their children, but to all races, colors, and creeds. This is our goal – for You, our God and our country: The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion programs – the joy of giving – the joy of sharing. Hear our prayers O Lord, for we pray in Your most Holy Name. Amen.

Prayer from Sons of the American Legion Manual of Ceremony and Prayer

### **Legion Birthday Prayer**

We remember The American Legion's birthday for the sacrifices and commitment of our men and women who have served in the wars and those are serving now so that we may have freedom in our lives. Give added strength to the families of POW's and MIA's and let there be a "healing" for the veterans.

Finally, as the American Legion celebrates another anniversary, may we continue to participate and contribute to the aims and purposes of our organization. We ask these things in Your Holy Name. Amen

Prayer shared from "The Magic of Prayer 2001-2002" American Legion Auxiliary

### **Spring Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father we thank you for keeping us well and safe through the winter. Help us to open our minds to the realization of what a great country we are privileged to live in. Bless our leaders as they make decisions that will change our lives. Bless all the military – in our country and other parts of the world. Give them strength and courage. Be with members of our Unit who are ill or have problems. May we always be aware of the needs of veterans and their families. Open our hearts to show love and compassion to all people. God Bless America. In your name we pray. Amen

Prayer shared from "The Magic of Prayer 2001-2002" American Legion Auxiliary

### **Easter Table Prayer**

Eternal God, we lift our hearts to thee in thanks this Eastertide for the endless renewing of Life. As we observe everything in nature making ready for the great awakening, may our hearts be glad as we join in nature's song of praise. Raise our spirits above the failures and mistakes that hinder us and renew in us those purposes and ideals which inspire us to service. Help us to become worthy participants in the great life which of the old eternally brings for the new. In all humbleness, we thank thee for the food we are about to share on this "day of light and gladness". Amen

Prayer shared from "Prayers for Special Occasions 1976-1977 ALA

In this Auxiliary year, may we use our voices to pray for our needs and others. God will never give us more than we can bear. Wishing you a blessed Spring and Easter Season with the special people in your life.

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