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#### Greetings to all:

Thank you to all that submitted poems, readings, and favorite sayings for the **Book of Prayers** for our **Department President Jean Walker**. The booklet will be presented to President Jean at the Department Convention in July.

In this article, I would like to recognize two special women who had served as one of our Department Presidents in the past years and have passed away in the last year: Carol Barbknecht and Carol Holmgren. These women gave their ALL. Please keep their families in your prayers.

#### **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.

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

##### **Soldier’s Creed**

I am an American Soldier

I am a warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

The National Museum of the U.S. Army

## **A Volunteer's Prayer**

I thank thee, Lord, as a volunteer  
For the chance to serve again this year;  
To give of myself in some small way  
To those not blessed as I each day.  
My thanks for health of mind and soul  
To aid me ever toward my goal;  
For eyes to see the good in all,  
A hand to extend before a fall.  
For legs to go where the need is great  
Learning to love-forgetting to hate;  
For ears to hear and heart to care.  
When someone's cross is hard to bear;  
A smile to show my affection true,  
With energy plenty the task to do;  
And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may  
Is to serve You better, day by day.

Author Unknown

Believe it or not, the end of my year as the Department Chaplain is drawing to a close soon. I want to personally thank Department President Jean for giving me this appointment. I considered it a great honor.

Hopefully each of you and your units took time to complete your annual reports. These statistics are very important to our organization. If you had any members pass away this past year, please plan to do a Memorial Service in their honor by draping the charter, etc.

As we have served this past year under "Veterans are our Stars and Heroes" may we use our voices to pray for our needs and others. God will never give us more than we can bear.

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