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‘Work as if you were to live a hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow.’ ~Benjamin Franklin

December brings us several important celebrations ~ Hanukkah celebrated December 14th thru December 22nd; Christmas on December 25th, and Kwanza celebrated December 26th thru January 1st.

As we transition into the winter months, I remind everyone to continue to keep in contact with Auxiliary members and veterans in nursing homes, those who are experiencing illness and those who live alone. It means so much to receive a simple phone call to say they are not forgotten.

Prayer of Gratitude for the Christmas Season

Dear Lord,

We are grateful for this season of joy and love. Thank You for the opportunities to reflect on Your goodness and to share Your blessings with others.

Scripture: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1
Amen



Christmas Blessing

May the blessing of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow out through you;
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at
Christmas and in the New Year.
~Author Unknown

Opening Prayer for Unit Meeting

Dear Lord, As the leaves transition and the air turns crisp, we thank you for the beauty of Fall. Help us to embrace change with open hearts, nurturing gratitude and hope in every moment. Please be with us as we discuss the business and work of our auxiliary. Continue to be with our veterans and their families as they give so much to keep our nation free, democratic and principled. In this we pray, Amen.

Closing Prayer for Unit Meeting

Lord, thank you for our fine leadership and thank you for the fellowship and friends we have made. Our business meeting is ending and you have guided us well. May we use what we have learned and planned here to help our work with our veterans, children and community. Please keep our members safe until we meet again. Amen

Submitted by: Bonnie Johnson, Nisswa Unit #627 Unit Chaplain

A Prayer for Veterans Day from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess,
We ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support,
Gentle love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen

Submitted by Amanda R. Engels, Mineota Unit #199, District #7

A reminder to all members and units that I am collecting their prayers and inspirational poems. I will continue to print as many as I can each month. Prayers can be sent to marsha.bible@gmail.com or mail them to me at the address noted above.

Wishing each of you the blessing of Happy Holidays in whatever faith you believe and a Happy and prosperous New Year 2026.

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