

Recognition of Veterans at Mass

during weekend liturgies around Veterans Day

Parishes may acknowledge, honor and thank those who are currently serving or have served in the armed forces.

Below are suggestions:

Blessing: *During the Concluding Rite, invite all veterans in the assembly to stand as they are able for this special blessing:*

God of Mercy,

You sent Jesus Your Son among us as our Prince of Peace.

His love overcomes the barriers of fear and violence, and conquers the power of death.

As our world continues to struggle with conflict and war, we thank you for all veterans of military service.

Bless these men and women for the sacrifices they have made to protect the lives and freedoms of others.

Bring those who have died to the peace of Your Kingdom, and provide for the needs of body and spirit for those still among us in this life.

Watch over those in military service today, and all those affected by war and unrest.

May Your Spirit bring unity and harmony to all Your children, made one through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sample Intercessions that could be included

For all military personnel, that God's protection will shield them from danger and fill their hearts with peace and comfort:

We pray to the Lord

For the families of those serving in the military, that they may know God's loving support through their family and friends:

We pray to the Lord

For all who have died, especially those who have given their lives in our nation's service, that God may gather them into the Kingdom of heaven:

We pray to the Lord