



MINE  
EYES  
HAVE  
SEEN  
THE  
GLORY

PRAYERS FOR  
THOSE IN THE  
MILITARY  
AND FIRST  
RESPONDERS

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Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored:  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.  
His truth is marching on:  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded him an altar  
in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of all  
before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom  
that transfigures you and me;  
As he died to make us holy, let us die that all be free!  
While God is marching on.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

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# INTRODUCTION

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Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him;  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.”

EXODUS 15:1-3

You’ve seen a lot in your time as a service member or first responder. Some good, some bad, some rough, some sad. But you have also seen the hand of God at work. He brings healing. He brings strength. He brings help when you need it most. He has his eye on you, and he won’t let you out of his sight. Let the prayers and reflections in this booklet remind you of that.



# IN THE MORNING

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The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-26

## A Prayer

The sun is up, O God, and I am up too. I don't know what's going to happen today, but I do know that you will be by my side to give me confidence and strength. I want to do your will. Help me to be able to. You have been so kind to me. Let me be kind to others today. May this day be full of life and peace that come only from you. Amen.

## Questions to Ponder

1. What thoughts come to mind for you when you first wake up?
2. How can you remind yourself of God's presence each morning?
3. What help from God do you hope to see today?



# AT BEDTIME

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O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
who spread out the earth on the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1-9

## A Prayer

Dear Lord, the sun has set. It feels so good to rest my body this night. Help me to sleep well. Get me in good shape to wake up ready for action. Let me never forget that you love me and care for me. Wrap your promises around me like a warm blanket. Amen.

## Questions to Ponder

1. What are you grateful to God for this night?
2. When did you see God at work in your duties today?
3. How does God help you have a good night's sleep?



# AT MEALTIME

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When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MATTHEW 14:15-21

## A Prayer

Giving God, fill me with your goodness as I eat and drink this meal. I don't always like what I have to eat, but it always gives me energy for the next job. May this time with fellow service members or first responders bring me laughter and good conversation. Keep me hungering and thirsting for you. When I pray and read the Bible, keep my soul well fed. Amen.

## Questions to Ponder

1. What is your favorite meal here? What is your favorite meal when you are home?
2. What keeps you hungering and thirsting for God?
3. How does God give you energy for each day?



# WHEN IN BATTLE

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[Moses said to the Israelites in battle,] “Have no dread or fear of them. The LORD your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your very eyes and in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled until you reached this place.”

DEUTERONOMY 1:29-31

## A Prayer

Heavenly Father, when I am in battle, help me to pay attention and do as I have been trained. Remind me that I am fighting to defend my country and to protect those I love. Fill me with pride in what I do. Help me to remember that you are fighting with me. Amen.

## Questions to Ponder

1. What gives you the courage to fight against your enemy?
2. How does your training help you in the heat of battle?
3. What has God carried you through to get to this point?





You who stand at the battle lines and at the front lines have the unique opportunity to experience a deeper relationship with God because of the things you have seen and heard. The prayers and Scripture in the booklet will help you as a service member or a frontline worker on your journey to know God more, know yourself better and grow in your walk of faith.



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