

How to Pray for Our Chaplains

Military Chaplains are called upon to provide religious support directly to the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines.

They serve as commissioned officers with the authority of the First Amendment behind them. These men are Teaching Elders (ordained by our denominations as pastors and evangelists).

They serve with chaplains of other faith-groups to “Cooperate without Compromise” as they minister to our country’s military personnel.

Chaplains host Bible studies, lead worship in chapels, tents, and training areas. Chaplains do marriage counseling, marriage seminars, battle-ready training, and death and bereavement counseling. They perform marriages, baptisms and funerals. Often their “congregation” is made up of many hundreds of thousands. And, their congregants don’t always come to them; they go into the workplace to meet the needs. Chaplains are on flight lines, tank ranges, in shipyards, hospitals, even foxholes. Chaplains go where there is an opportunity to touch a life. Military men and women are often young and have young families. Many have never been a part of a church and know little to nothing about the spiritual resources available to them.

Civilian Chaplains serve America’s civilian population in many venues: Veterans Affairs, Corrections, Hospice, Retirement Communities and Hospitals, businesses, sports, prisons, Police & Fire departments, motorcycle clubs, and more! They also serve in a pluralistic environment and they, too, often share spiritual duties with chaplains of other faiths.

How Can I Pray?

- Pray that chaplains will be alert to, and ready to speak to the spiritual issues that come their way. As Christian chaplains they trust many service members and their families will come to faith in Jesus Christ. But, as

always, chaplains do not coerce or force their faith upon anyone. God has a way of bringing inquiring folk to the chaplains where spiritual issues can then be discussed one-on-one.

- Pray that the chaplain would be appropriately courageous in the presentation of the Gospel during their counseling, worship services, and discipleship and Bible study classes.
- Pray that they would be a positive influence and godly witness. Pray that they would have a sense of God’s peace in the midst of danger.
- Pray for the chaplain families. Pray that they might know the comfort, strength, and peace of God.
- Pray for the safety of our chaplains and the troops.
- Pray for the enemies.
- Pray that the principles of a just war would be followed and that there will be no unnecessary killing, maiming, or damage of property.
- Pray for our president, his Cabinet, our government and our military leaders.
- Pray for unity within our government and among our people.

Our military and civilian chaplain provide reports and specific prayer requests every four months which are compiled in a daily prayer guide format called “The Guardian.” Obtain an e-copy of the current Guardian, or have a free hard copy mailed to your home every fourth months. Request your copy by emailing us at: ChaplainMinistries@pcanet.org

We appreciate and need your prayers!

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