

Prayer for November 11, 2018 - Written by Kathleene Card

Eternal God, we call you by various names and we come to you from many faith traditions, however we are united by the diverse heritage of veterans we honor this day.

We are thankful for your blessings on them as they served this country with distinction. They worked diligently to keep the peace.

As people of every country are thankful for their homeland, we are especially grateful for a system that allows for a peaceful transition of power through free elections.

We ask for your blessings for everyone who participated in the elections—especially for the people who cared enough to run for office. Empower those who were elected with wisdom, compassion and the ability to serve your greater good.

Enable those who govern to seek the wellbeing of the entire world so that our children and our children's children may dwell in unity and without fear from generation to generation.

On this Veteran's day, let us give thanks for the men and women, who shall have ever served our country. At this location called Cathedral of the Pines, help us to embrace justice, kindness and humility.

**Show us what it means to welcome everyone;
Show us what it means to be grounded in faith and integrity.**

Lord, we weep with those who suffer, especially the victims of violence at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

Now, let us take a moment to honor silently all of those men and women who served our country, especially those who gave their lives so that we might live in freedom. And let the people gathered here say, Amen.