

Seasonal Blessings

Advent

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing . . .

Christmas

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing . . .

Epiphany

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing . . .

Lent

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing and the blessing . . .

Passiontide

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the . . .

Eastertide

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing . . .

Ascensiontide – Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing . . .

Trinity Sunday

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing . . .

Saints Days

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and &

Regimental Collects

The Life Guards

O Everliving God, King of Kings, in whose service we put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation, grant we beseech thee that The Life Guards may be faithful unto death, and at last receive the crown of life from Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Blues and Royals

O Lord Jesus Christ who by the Holy Apostle has called us to put on the armour of God and to take the sword of the spirit, give thy grace we pray thee, to the Blues and Royals that we may fight manfully under thy banner against all evil, and waiting on thee to renew our strength, may mount up with wings as eagles, in thy name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Royal Armoured Corps

Almighty God, who art our defence and our castle, grant to the Royal Armoured Corps that putting on the whole armour of God they may go forth through the earth eager to do thee service with courage and faith, and never be separated from thy grace or divided among themselves, through Jesus Christ Our Lord to whom, with the Father and Holy Spirit one blessed and eternal Trinity, be glory for ever. Amen.

1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards

O Lord God, whose throne is in heaven and whose eyes behold the children of men, grant that as thy prophet saw the valiant horse eager to go forth through the earth on thy service, so may the Queen's Dragoon Guards, united in keeping thy Royal Law and thinking no evil in their hearts, ever seek to serve their Sovereign and their native land in thee and for thee, who art one God, world without end. Amen.

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards

Almighty God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, gave us a perfect pattern of service, give us grace that we, the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, may be second to none in following his example, swifter than eagles to overtake his enemies and serve thee in thine everlasting Kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

The Queen's Royal Hussars

Almighty God, whose perfect love casteth out fear, remember in thy great goodness the Queen's Royal Hussars and all who serve with us. Keep us mindful of former valour, and grant us thy grace, that whatsoever our minds and hands shall find to do for thee, we may endure hardships as thy good and faithful soldiers, and so enter into thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9th/12th Royal Lancers

O Eternal God, grant to us, thy servants of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, strength, guidance, courage and steadfast Faith, that we may ever serve thee truly; and finally by thy mercy attain everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

The King's Royal Hussars

Almighty God, by whose power and in whose mercy we are shielded from danger and pardoned when we have done wrong, help us all, as members of the King's Royal Hussars, to find in our service in the Regiment a sure way of serving thee. Help us to dedicate our lives in that we may live for others rather than ourselves, and grant that through the power of the Holy Spirit we may be steadfast in duty, patient in hardship and bold at all times to declare the truth in the name of him who loves us and died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Light Dragoons

Almighty God, who givest more than we desire or deserve, grant to us the Light Dragoons, that we who strive for our Queen and country may serve thee with one heart and mind, in true fellowship with each other. And grant that we may never count the cost but in all things loyally fulfil thy Royal Law and at the last attain the glory of thy salvation; this we ask through the merit of him who is the Resurrection and the Life, even our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

The Queen's Royal Lancers

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, grant (we pray) to thy faithful soldiers of the Queen's Royal Lancers thy strength and courage; that united in our duty to pursue thy peace, we may at the last pass through death to thy eternal glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

The Royal Tank Regiment

Almighty God, whose perfect love casteth out fear, mercifully grant that thy servants of the Royal Tank Regiment may fear naught but to fall from thy favour, for his sake, in whom thou art well pleased, thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

General Blessings

1

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

2

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing . . .

3

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing . . .

4

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing . . .

5

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing . . .

6

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing . . .

7

May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing . . .

8

The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*, the Lord make his face shine upon *you* and be gracious to *you*, the Lord look kindly on *you* and give *you* peace; and the blessing . . .

9

The love of the Lord Jesus draw *you* to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen *you* in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill *your* hearts; and the blessing . . .

In time of war

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

God of infinite mercy, we trust in your good purposes of peace for all your children. We pray for those who at this time face danger in the defence of justice. Watch over those in peril; support those who are anxious for loved ones; gather into your eternal purpose those who will die. Remove from the hearts of all people the passions that keep alive the spirit of war, and in your goodness restore peace among us; for the sake of the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for peace and for deliverance in any danger

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Almighty God, you are our refuge and our stronghold, a timely help in trouble. We give you praise and thanks for our deliverance from those great dangers which threatened (*or encompassed*) us, (*and for your precious gift of peace*). Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be glory, for your goodness alone kept and preserved us. Continue your mercies to us, we pray, that we may always acknowledge that you are our Saviour and our mighty deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

An Indian Prayer

Chhitaraksha - to be said individually or collectively.

May the cross of the Son of God, which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven, abide with *me/us* in *my/our* going out and in *my/our* coming in. By day and by night, at morning and at evening, at all times and in all places may it protect and defend *me/us* From the wrath of evildoers, from the assaults of evil spirits, from foes visible and invisible, from the snares of the devil, from all passions that beguile the soul and body: may it guard, protect and deliver *me/us*. **Amen.**

A Jewish Prayer

Father of mercy, continue, we pray, your loving-kindness to us all. Make us worthy to walk in the way of the righteous before you, loyal to your Law and clinging to good deeds. Keep far from us all manner of shame, grief and care; and grant that peace, light and joy ever abide in our home; for with you is the fountain of life, and in your light do we see light. **Amen.**

An Islamic Prayer

In the name of God, who is merciful: All praise be to God, who is the Lord of everything. We serve no one but you, our God, and you are the only one to whom we turn for help. Keep us away from the path of those who stray from you. Guide us instead on the way we should go on the path of those whom you have blessed.

The Royal Regiment of Artillery

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost everywhere lead thy people in the way of righteousness, vouchsafe so to lead the Royal Regiment of Artillery that wherever we serve, on land or sea or in the air, we may win the glory of doing thy will. Amen.

The Royal Engineers

O God, whose righteousness is exceeding glorious, may it please thee to send out thy light and thy truth to lead us thy servants of the Corps of Royal Engineers that everywhere we may be enabled to do our duty, and so may glorify thee our Father in Heaven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Corps of Signals

Almighty God, whose messengers go forth in every age giving light and understanding grant that we of the Royal Corps of Signals, who speed the word of man to man, may be swift and sure in sending the message of thy truth into all the world. May we serve thee faithfully and, with the help of thy Holy Spirit, make such success of our soldierly duties on this earth that we may be found worthy to receive the crown of life hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Grenadier Guards

O God grant that thy servants, the Grenadier Guards, may ever be mindful of their proud and costly heritage, that continuing to guard what is right, and fighting for what is just, they may so serve thee here in this life that they may be counted worthy to join those who now continue their service in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Coldstream Guards

Eternal Lord, beside whom there is no God, keep, we pray thee, the Coldstream Guards second to none in loyal duty to thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee, O Father and with the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end Amen

The Scots Guards

Almighty God, whose blessed Son did say unto Saint Andrew "Follow me", grant that the Scots Guards, who wear the Cross of thy Holy Apostle, may follow thy Son with impunity; be made stronger in brotherhood and fierce against all enemies of our Saviour, ever going forward under the leadership of him, who by the hard and painful way of the cross, won high conquest and great glory, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Irish Guards

Almighty God, who through the glory of the eternal Trinity hast inspired men in every age to love and serve thee, and hast promised that none shall be separated from thy love who truly trust in thee; we beseech thee thou wouldst keep thy servants the Irish Guards steadfast in this faith, that they may show it forth not only with their lips but in their lives, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen

The Welsh Guards

O Lord God, who hast given us the land of our fathers for our inheritance, help thy servants, the Welsh Guards, to keep thy laws as our heritage for ever, until we come to that better and heavenly country which thou hast prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Arglwdd Dduw, a roddaist i ni wlad ein tadau yn draftadaeth, cynorthwya dy weision, y Gwarchodlu Cymreig, i gadw Dy ddeddfau yn etifeddiaeth inni dros fyth, nes y down i'r wlad well a nefol a baratoaist i ni, trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd

The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the first and the last, grant, we pray thee, that, as thou hast promised to be with us even unto the end of the world, so may the Royal Scots be the first to follow thee and the last to forsake thee, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

Almighty God, the strength of those who put their trust in thee and the hope of those who serve and follow thee; grant to the members of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment such a measure of thy grace that in both peace and war they may win thy favour, and with courage and loyalty faithfully serve their Queen and country, upholding those noble traditions of which they are the proud inheritors. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The King's Own Royal Border Regiment

O Lord Jesus, who has called all men to serve thee; give thy grace, we pray thee, to the King's Own Royal Border Regiment; that we may come at last to thine everlasting kingdom who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

O God our guide from of old, grant that wherever thy servants of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers are called upon to serve, we may follow the example of thy servant St George and ever prove steadfast in Faith and valiant in Battle, through him who is the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Armed Forces

For the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, *we/they* may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Forces of the Crown

From the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Almighty God, in you alone we find safety and peace. We commend to your gracious keeping all the men and women who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety. Defend them day by day by your heavenly power; and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care. Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace which alone we must seek and serve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department

Blessed God, who has committed the glorious Gospel to our trust, have mercy upon the Royal Army Chaplains' Department and grant that we may never glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, but in all things may approve ourselves as thy ministers, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A prayer before a mission

O Lord, you know how busy I must be this day. *(night)*

If I forget you, do not forget me. **Amen**

*Sir Jacob Astley,
before the Battle of
Edgehill, 1642*

Prayers For Protection and Peace

For the protection of an individual

Almighty God, heavenly Father, breathe your Holy Spirit into the heart of this your servant *N* and inspire *him/her* with love for goodness and truth. May *he/she*, fearing only you, have no other fear; knowing your compassion, be ever mindful of your love; and serving you faithfully unto death, live eternally with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the protection of a place

Visit, Lord, we pray, this place and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be upon it evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the protection of our homes and families

Almighty God, Father of all mankind: defend our homes against evil; surround them with your presence, make them sanctuaries of your peace and joy. Bless those dear to us, wherever they may be. Bring us home, and re-unite us in the shelter of your love, until we come at last to make our home with you, our Father in Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BE, adapted from BCO

A Prayer on the Passion

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set your passion, cross and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed, to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness, and everlasting life and glory; for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

An Armenian Orthodox Dismissal

Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your holy and venerable cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, and count us worthy to glorify you with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, world without end. **Amen.**

An Ending

May the Lord bless us, may he deliver us from all evil, and keep us in life eternal. **Amen.**

The King's Regiment

O Thou who didst begin to build the Kingdom of God upon earth through a company of men, grant that we who are Kingsmen may never cease to be thy servants, who art the King of Kings; make us true to thee, and guard us with thy love. Then shall no difficulties daunt us, for we shall be thy soldiers and thou shalt be our God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Anglian Regiment

O Lord God, who by the brightness of a star didst lead men to the Saviour of mankind; give thy grace to the Royal Anglian Regiment, that trusting in thee as our strong rock and castle, we may in unity with thee and with one another rightly serve our Sovereign and our native land, and at the last be led by thy mercy to thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Devonshire and Dorset

O Christ, our Redeemer, the sure stronghold of each succeeding age; grant that we, who now bear arms in the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment may endure, as our Fathers did before us with steadfast courage. Lead us in every quarter of the earth; that we not only honour and proclaim thy name, but also serve to open a highway of thy salvation for all mankind; through the same Jesus Christ, who now liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Light Infantry

O God, who requireth that thy servants be found faithful, grant to us of the Light Infantry, the spirit of unity and brotherly love so that we may ever be ready to give swift obedience to thy call, yielding to none in giving glory to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire

O Lord God: the shield and buckler of all that trust thee: grant to our Regiment the strength that fears no evil tidings, no desperate endeavours; and no foe bodily or spiritual: but advances in thy righteousness, through all rough places: under the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Green Howards

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of our souls, so lead, we pray thee, the Green Howards, that as we bear the symbol of thy Cross we may be always ready to take up our Cross and follow thee; till, having passed through the valley of the shadow of death we may rest in green pastures in thy care, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. Amen.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers

Almighty God, who didst so bless the endeavours of our fathers that they have handed down to us an example of heroism and sacrifice, grant, we beseech thee, to the Royal Highland Fusiliers thy continued blessing. Abide with us wherever we may be called upon to serve; strengthen us to resist to the uttermost all the assaults of evil; and inspire us so to serve thee in our day and generation that we may worthily uphold the trust which has been committed to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Cheshire Regiment

Almighty God, Lord and giver of life, nourish, we pray thee, the Cheshire Regiment with thine abundant grace; that, as we wear the Oak Leaf in token of loyalty, and forget not the valour of our fathers, so being rooted in the love of Christ and of our brethren, we may not fall away in time of temptation but stand fast in the Faith, and be strong like the Oak for his sake, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers

Eternal God, whose strength raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, uphold, we pray thee, the ancient valour of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, that we may ever endure hardship after his example, and may rise with him to shine as the sun in thy Kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tragwyddol Dduw, a gyfododd trwy dy nerth yr Arglwydd Iesu Grist o'r meirw, cynnal fe weddiwn, gwrhydri hynafol y Fiwsilwyr Cymreig, fel yr oddefwn galedi yn ol ei esiampl, fel yr oddefwn galedi yn ol ei esiampl, ac y cyfodwn gydag ef i lewyrchu fel yr haul yn dy deyrnas, trwy'r un Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd. Amen.

The Royal Regiment of Wales

O God, our heavenly Father, who gave thy Son, Jesus Christ, to die upon the Cross for us, and calls men to be ready to lay down their lives for their friends, grant that we, thy servants of the Royal Regiment of Wales, choosing death rather than dishonour, may so follow the path of duty in this life that we may be found worthy of eternal life, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O Dduw, ein Tad Nefol, a roddaist Dy Fab Iesu Grist i farw troson ar y groes, ac a elwi ddynion i fod yn barod i roi eu bywydau dros eu cyfeillion, nertha ni, Dy weision o Gatrawd Frenhinol Cyrmu, i ddewis angau yn hytrach na chywilydd, fel y gallwn ddilyn llwybr dyletswydd yn y bywyd hwn a'n cael yn deilwng o fywyd tragwyddol trwy Iesu Grist, Fy Fab, ein Harglwydd

Prayers from the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

For New Year

Eternal God, your everlasting mercy rises new in the morning of another year. Give us grace to arise with Christ who is our morning light. In this new year of our life's journey, may we walk by faith in him, and with a willing spirit persevere to the end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For harvest

God of faithfulness, your generous love supplies us with the fruits of the earth in their seasons. Give us grace to be thankful for your gifts, to use them wisely, and to share our plenty with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

At the time of an election

Almighty God, you are the source of wisdom and justice. Guide those who at this time are called to choose representatives to serve in the High Court of Parliament (or the Council of this Region or District), that they may cast their vote with a true sense of their responsibility. Give those who are elected the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, that they may provide conditions for a good and honest life for all the people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In times of industrial unrest or local dispute

God of righteousness, you have taught us through your Son to set our minds on your kingdom and justice before all things. Grant that in us and in others suspicion may give place to trust, and stridency to peace, that we may live and work together in unity and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After a disaster

Gracious God, through your Son you have taught us that nothing in life or in death is able to separate us from your love. Look in mercy on all in sorrow. Help those who are injured and support those who are dying. Strengthen the members of the emergency services, and all who bring relief and comfort. Console and protect those who have lost loved ones. Give your light in darkness to all who are near to despair, and assure them that you hold all souls in life; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

For family Life

Faithful, and loving God, creator of all good things, give to *(family names)* / *all families* wisdom and devotion in ordering their lives together. May they dwell together in love and peace, seeking one another's welfare, bearing one another's burdens, and sharing one another's joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For parents and all who care for children

God our Father, we pray to you for *(Parents or other carers name(s) and)* all who have the care of children. Guide them with your Holy Spirit, that they may bring them up in the ways of truth and love. Through their care enable them to grow in grace and become daily more like your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

On the birth of a child

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the birth of *(Child's Name)* surround him/her with your blessing that he/she may know your love, be protected from evil, and know goodness all his/her days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For a stillborn Child

God our creator, from whom all life comes, comfort this *family/mother/father* grieving for the loss of their hoped - for child. Help them to find assurance that with you nothing is wasted or incomplete, and uphold them with your love, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

When a child has died

God of all grace and comfort, we thank you for *(Child's Name)*, and for the place *he/she* held in our hearts. We thank you for the love in which *he/she* was conceived and the care which *he/she* was surrounded. As we remember times of tears and laughter, we thank you for the love we shared because of *him/her* reflecting the love which you poured upon us, in your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Schools and Colleges

Almighty God, you are the source of truth, and your Spirit leads us into all truth: may all who teach and learn in or schools, colleges and universities be set free from everything that may hinder their search for truth; and finding truth, may they learn to use it for the good of all mankind, and for your greater glory. **Amen.**

The King's Own Scottish Borderers

O Lord, without whom our labour is but lost and all our watching is in vain, grant that the King's Own Scottish Borderers may ever trust in thy –true religion, and endure hardness as good soldiers of him who bore the cross, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Royal Irish Regiment

Almighty God, whose love knows no bounds, grant that we, the Royal Irish Regiment, may do our duty courageously whether at home or abroad, so that undaunted by the difficulties which beset us, your will may be done And united as members one with another, may we, mindful of the valour and sacrifice of those who have gone before us, clear the way for those that follow; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment

Eternal Father, whose service is perfect freedom, grant that we, thy servants of the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, may ever stand back to back courageously against all evils that beset us, thus upholding the high traditions entrusted to us, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment

Almighty God, by whose grace we are enabled to fight the good fight of Faith, uphold we pray thee in all their endeavours thy servants of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, that wherever they serve, at home or abroad, by land, sea or in the air, trusting in thy everlasting strength, they may stand firm as trees of a forest in their faith and resolution, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

O Lord Jesus Christ, in whose service is our perfect freedom, grant that we, thy servants of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment may so loyally serve our Sovereign and our native land, that being faithful unto death, we may share in the life to come, for thy truth's sake, who art one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

O Lord of Hosts, who three times commanded the leader of thine ancient people to be strong and of a good courage, and promised him good success, grant that we of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment may ever prosper in obedience to thy law, and thus do valiantly, so that we may tread down the enemies of our souls, in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Staffordshire Regiment

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ, hast delivered us from the bonds of our sin, we pray thee, so to bind us thy servants of the Staffordshire Regiment in charity one with another, that in all dangers and adversities we may ever keep the unity of the spirit, being knit together in the body of the same thy Son Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Black Watch

O God, whose strength setteth fast the mountains, Lord of the hills to whom we lift our eyes: grant us grace that we, once chosen to watch the mountains of an earthly kingdom, may stand fast in the faith and be strong, until we come to the heavenly kingdom of him who has bidden us watch and pray, thy Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Highlanders

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ commanded his disciples to watch and pray, grant that we, the Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons), mindful of the valiant deeds of those who have gone before us, may be ever watchful. And we pray that as one family, vowed to help our Sovereign against our nation's enemies, we may stand fast in loyalty and integrity, and so prove ourselves worthy of the trust committed to us, for his sake, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

O Lord of all good life grant now and at all times thy blessing upon the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in which we are called upon to serve under thy servant our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth; enable us, while loving our own country best, to enter into the fellowship of the whole human family, and give us now and ever the gift of courage to seek after a just and merciful peace. Amen.

Airborne Forces

May the defence of the Most High be above and beneath around and within us, in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our going down, through all our days and all our nights, until the dawn when the Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings for the peoples of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Peace of the World

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

In Time of Trouble

Sovereign God, the defence of those who trust in you and the strength of those who suffer: look with mercy on our affliction and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

For Social Justice and Responsibility

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom that all your people may find their security in that love which casts out fear and in the fellowship revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

For the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

God, who from of old taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen**

Family Prayers

For absent loved ones

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named: we entrust to your love and care the members of our families wherever they may be. Supply their needs and guide their steps; keep them safe in body and soul; and let your peace rest upon us all. **Amen**

For married persons

Gracious and loving God, look with kindness upon N and N (or all married persons): through your grace, may they hold on to each other, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; till death brings them to the joys of your eternal kingdom, which you promise to all who live in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BE*

Occasional Prayers

The State Prayers

A Prayer for the Sovereign

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless, we pray, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue them with your Holy Spirit; enrich them with your heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Those who Govern

Eternal God, fount and source of all authority and wisdom, hear our prayer for those who govern. Give to Elizabeth our Queen grace as the symbol of loyalty and unity for all our different peoples; give to the parliaments in these islands, and especially to our own Government, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy; give to the members of the European institutions vision, understanding and integrity, that all may live in peace and happiness, truth and prosperity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and the World

A prayer for Bishops and other pastors.

Almighty and everlasting God, the only worker of great marvels, send down upon our bishops and other pastors and all congregations committed to their care the spirit of your saving grace; and that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

For the Unity of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you': look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom; where you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Christian Personnel of the Brigade of Gurkhas

Almighty God, Father of all, whose ancient people looked to the hills, grant to us of the Brigade of Gurkhas, bound together in a bond of friendship, that we may serve our Sovereign with loyalty, integrity and cheerfulness; and mindful of our traditions, may we thy follow wherever you lead, and so at the last come to our eternal home, for the sake of him who called his disciples his friends, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Green Jackets

Almighty God, creator and preserver of all mankind, we beseech thee in thy wisdom to guide and guard us thy servants of the Royal Green Jackets. Make us worthy of the great traditions bound up in the union of our three Regiments, and as thy servants of old were chosen to obey with speed may we be bold to seek thy grace in every time of need, and so be patient and persevering in running the race that is set before us This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Special Air Service Regiment

O Lord who didst call on thy disciples to venture all to win all men to thee, grant that we, the chosen members of the Special Air Service Regiment, may by our works and ways dare all to win all, and in doing so render special service to thee and our fellow-men in all the world, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Army Air Corps

Almighty God, who maketh the clouds thy chariots, and who walketh upon the wings of the wind, have mercy upon all who serve in the Army Air Corps that they may have the assurance of your presence with them, and find thy hand to support and strengthen them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Army Chaplain's Department

Blessed God, who has committed the glorious Gospel to our trust, have mercy upon the Royal Army Chaplains' Department and grant that we may never glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, but in all things may approve ourselves as thy ministers, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bendigaid Dduw, a ymddiriedaist yr Efengyl ogoneddus i'n gofal, bydd yn drugarog wrth Adran Frenhinol Caplaniaid y Fyddin, a phar na ogoneddwn mewn dim oddieithr Croes ein Harglwydd Iesu Grist, ac y cawn ym mhob peth ein cymeradwyo fel dy weinidogion, trwy yr un Iesu Grist dy Fab Ein Harglwydd. Amen.

The Royal Logistic Corps

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ministered to the needs of mankind, may we of the Royal Logistic Corps, so tackle the diverse tasks assigned to us; that wherever we serve, on land or sea, or in the air we may sustain our comrades both in peace and war, and thus be found worthy of those whom we seek to support, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Army Medical Corps

O God, whose blessed Son was made perfect though suffering, give thy grace, we beseech thee, to thy servants of the Royal Army Medical Corps, that by loyalty in hard service after the example of Saint Luke the beloved physician, we may be found faithful in ministering to those that need, for his sake who went about doing good, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

O God of power and might, whose all-pervading energy is the strength of nature and man, inspire, we pray Thee, us Thy servants of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers with the quickening spirit of goodwill, that as honest craftsmen, seeking only the good of all in peace or war, we may glorify Thee both in the work of our hands and the example of our fellowship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adjutant General's Corps (All Branches)

Father of all, grant to us who are bound together in the Adjutant General's Corps, the grace to understand that those whom we support depend on our integrity, expertise and resolution; and, following in the footsteps of your Son, may we be mindful of their needs and faithful in our responsibilities; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adjutant General's Corps (Staff and Personnel Support Branch)

Almighty God, Creator and Father of all, so direct our lives that we may serve with integrity and resolution in the Adjutant General's Corps; and grant that in our service we may ever be worthy of the trust of those whom we seek to support for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adjutant General's Corps Provost Branch (Royal Military Police)

Almighty God, by whose grace we are called to positions of responsibility and trust bless, we pray thee, all members of the Royal Military Police (and those who previously served in the Corps of Royal Military Police). Inspire them to courage and wisdom, courtesy and faithfulness: grant them a true knowledge of thy will that they may guide their comrades aright: that by saving others in justice and mercy they may also serve thee and so become more worthy of their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Air Force Collect 1

Almighty God, who has promised that they who wait upon thee shall renew their strength and mount up with wings, as eagles, we commend to thy fatherly protection all who serve in the Royal Air Force. Uplift and support us in our endeavour, that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and a sure defence to our homeland. Help us to fulfil our several duties with honour, goodwill and integrity, and grant that we may prove to be worthy successors of those who by their valour and sacrifice did nobly save their day and generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Air Force Collect 2

Almighty God, who makest the clouds thy chariots and walkest upon the wings of the storm, look in mercy we beseech thee upon the Royal Air Force. Make us a tower of strength to our Queen and to our country. Help us to do our duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is our refuge and strength. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Royal Air Force Collect 3

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, who dost inspire and sustain man's destiny, quicken we beseech Thee, the hearts and minds of all who serve in the Royal Air Force; that those who fly may brave the perils of the air with courage; that those who labour on the ground may be infused with zeal and devotion; and that all who bear the burden and heat of the day may be refreshed with the life-giving power of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Air Force Regiment

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, whose son Jesus Christ showed us the path of duty, we beseech thee to bless all who serve in the Royal Air Force Regiment. Help us to do our duty with courage and dedication. Of thy goodness be our strength in times of danger, watch over our loved ones when we are separated, and make us a sure defence to those we serve. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Guild of St Helena

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy cross didst triumph over death, and by thy resurrection didst open unto us the Kingdom of Heaven; bless we beseech thee, the Guild of St Helena and us the members in our work, and grant that we may ever rejoice in the hope of eternal life; through thy grace, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen

The Royal Hospital Chelsea

O God, who by the overshadowing of an oak didst preserve our Royal Founder from the hands of his enemies and so lead him to an earthly throne, grant thy heavenly protection, we beseech thee, to thy servants in this Royal Hospital, that continuing in thy love, they may give thee true and loyal service, and so enduring to the end enter at the last into thine eternal kingdom in glory, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Army Cadet Force

Our God our Father, who hast brought us together as members of the Army Cadet Force; help us to do our duty at all times and to be loyal to each other. May all that is good and true prosper among us; strengthen us to defend the right, and bless our work that it may be acceptable to thee; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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The Royal Navy

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the seas who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and of the air, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island and Commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Marines

O Eternal Lord God, who through many generations has united and inspired the members of our Corps, grant thy blessing, we beseech thee, on Royal Marines serving all round the globe. Bestow thy crown of righteousness upon all our efforts and endeavours, and may our laurels be those of gallantry and honour, loyalty and courage. We ask these things in the name of him whose courage never failed, our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adjutant General's Corps Provost Branch (Military Provost Branch)

Almighty God, whose ways are justice and peace and whose judgements are righteous and merciful, grant to us thy servants of the Military Provost Staff (and those who previously served in the Military Provost Staff Corps*) the spirit of understanding and compassion, that by thy inspiration we may be faithful in the discharge of our duties, zealous in protection of the weak and faint-hearted and selfless in serving the best interest of those who have been committed to our charge. We ask this in the Name, and in the service, of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Adjutant General's Corps (Education and Training Services)

Almighty God, whose word giveth light in the darkness, grant to us thy servants of the Educational and Training Services Branch (and those who previously served in the Royal Army Educational Corps*) that with steadfast hands we may carry amongst soldiers the torch of learning and that with thine aid, both we and they may gain not only knowledge but wisdom, and may come to understand more clearly thy purpose for mankind. May we discern thy presence everywhere in nature and in the minds of men, so that our teaching may bear constant witness to him, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adjutant General's Corps (Army Legal Services)

Almighty God, before whom we shall all be judged at the last day, grant to us of the Army Legal Services (and to those who previously served in the Army Legal Corps*) that we may prosecute justice with integrity and truth, and also defend the rights of those committed to our care; so that at the last we may obtain mercy under your judgement; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **to be included on appropriate occasions*

Royal Veterinary Corps

O God, who didst create man in thine own image, and gavest him dominion over every living thing, give wisdom and grace, we pray thee, to thy servants of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, that we may guard these thy creatures committed to our care against disease and suffering and promote their health and usefulness; and may ever declare both by word and example that the merciful man is kind to his beast, for his sake, who has told us that not one sparrow is forgotten before thee, Jesus Christ our merciful Redeemer. Amen.

Small Arms School Corps

Almighty God, who alone canst strengthen us in the hour of danger, and inspire us to fight the good fight of Faith; give, we pray thee, to thy servants of the Small Arms School Corps, whose service it is to teach our comrades against the day of battle, faithfulness and zeal in this their duty. May they ever be mindful of that other warfare of the Spirit and prove themselves We warriors of thy Eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Dental Corps

O God, who art the source of man's best gifts, grant to us who serve in the Royal Army Dental Corps wisdom and understanding, that our minds may seek further knowledge and our hands lose not their ability and skills; so that we may serve thee in promoting health of body and peace of mind for those in our care; we ask this in the name of him who is the health and peace of all thy servants, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intelligence Corps

O God, who alone givest true wisdom: grant to thy servants of the Intelligence Corps such gifts of understanding and truth, that by their vigilance thy people may live their lives in freedom and in peace to thy glory and the welfare of this realm; for thy Holy name's sake. Amen.

Army Physical Training Corps

O God, whose will it is that mind, body and spirit should work in unity to thy glory, help us of the Army Physical Training Corps to serve thee in our work and ever to remember that the body must be the servant of the mind, and the mind the servant of the spirit, and that only as they obtain their strength from thee can their purpose be fulfilled and thy name be glorified: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Queen Alexandra's Royal Nursing Corps

O God, who through the healing touch of thy dear Son didst recover the sick and relieve their pain, grant to us who serve beneath thy Cross in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps such love towards thee and devotion to our duty that the shadows may pass from those entrusted to our care, their darkness lighten into faith and hope, and thy love bring healing peace, for his sake who was content to suffer for all mankind, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Army Medical Services (to be used on joint occasions)

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent your son, Jesus Christ, to be Saviour and Healer of men; we ask you to bless the work of the Army Medical Services. Grant that we who are called to share in this ministry of healing may ever have present in our minds the example of our Lord, and his tenderness and sympathy for all human suffering. Give us grace and patience faithfully to fulfil our calling and crown our work with good success; for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The School of Infantry

Almighty God, who alone can strengthen us in the hour of danger, give to thy servants of the School of Infantry, whose service it is to teach their comrades against the day of battle, faithfulness and zeal in this their duty. May they ever be mindful of the greater warfare of the Spirit, so that, filled with thy power, they may prove true leaders in the battle for thy eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Staff College

Almighty God, bless, we pray thee, all those who work at the Staff College. Grant that they and their families may make the most of their opportunities; give them patience and understanding, energy and good humour; and help them always to remember that the wisdom of the Owl and the power of the Sword are nothing without thy grace and the strength of thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Royal Military College of Science

O God, the source of all knowledge and wisdom, bless we beseech thee the work of the Royal Military College of Science and grant to all who labour therein the enlightenment of thy Holy Spirit, that in their search for truth they may discover the hidden purposes of thy creation and so be led into the way of faith and service, to thy glory and the benefit of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

Almighty God, whose Son, the Lord of all life, came not to be served but to serve; help us to be masters of ourselves that we may be the servants of others, and teach us to serve to lead; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Royal Military School of Music

O Lord God, who art praised in the sound of the trumpet and upon the strings and pipe, bless we beseech thee, the Royal Military School of Music, and grant that all who teach and learn therein may ever strive for excellence, and enter at last into Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.