

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED TROOPER

(AFTER LAST CANDLE IS LIT)

**ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WHO ON THIS EARTH
FILLS OUR HUMAN CANOPY WITH THE BREATH OF LIFE AND
CARRIES US INTO YOUR PRESENCE ON THE WINGS OF YOUR
SPIRIT, SURROUND THE SOULS OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES
WITH YOUR HEAVENLY PRESENCE. O GOD, IN WHOSE HANDS ARE
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE
GOOD EXAMPLE OF THESE YOUR SERVANTS, WHO WERE
WILLING TO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO THE SERVICE OF OUR
COUNTRY. GRANT TO THEM YOUR MERCIFUL PROTECTION THAT
THE GOOD WORK WHICH YOU HAVE BEGUN IN THEM MAY BE
PERFECTED IN THE WORLD TO COME. BLESS AND COMFORT ALL
WHO GRIEVE THIS DAY, AND MAY WE EVER REMAIN LOYALLY
STEADFAST TO THE HIGHEST IDEALS FOR WHICH MANY HAVE
DIED AND BY WHICH WE ALL SHOULD LIVE. THIS WE ASK IN THE
NAME OF OUR LORD. AMEN.**