



Veterans Day 2015

As we observe this Veteran's Day, let us stop and think what it really is all about. This is not Memorial Day; that day honors those who answered their country's call and did not come back. This is not that day.

Today we honor all those who answered their country's call; when this country called, they stepped forward, not back. They did this knowing they may or may not return and if they did they may or may not be whole. They offered their lives and the well being of their families and their future that we might live in freedom. They did not do it for thanks or recognition, though in truth that is appreciated, they did it for their country and ours.

And, yes, today we owe recognition to all veterans and an even more special recognition to those who did not come back and to those who today still pay a price and to their families.

Please think about the cost paid for your freedom before you give it away for a trinket or a crust.

Let us pray,

For the Armed Services.

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OLORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsmen and contractors of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, we give you thanks for those who answered our country's call, who rode towards the sound of gunfire and did not cower. We give you thanks for those who are with us today and for those who are with you for ever more. Lord, we give you thanks for the sacrifice made on our behalf by them and their families. Lord we ask that you give us warriors who will follow your way on behalf of our country, all of which we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*