

Litany of Thanksgiving on Veterans' Day

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellow human beings:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor the men and women who have served their country. We give you thanks for those who gave their lives in this service; may their memory be ever in our hearts. May we hold each of our current military members and their family always in our love and our prayers; until your world is perfected in peace through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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HYMNS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

ARMY

**Over hill, over dale as we hit the dusty trail,
And those caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout, counter march
and right about,
And those caissons go rolling along.
Then it's hi! hi! hee! In the field artillery,
Shout out your numbers loud and strong,
For where e'er you go, you will always know
That those caissons go rolling along.**

NAVY

**Anchors aweigh, my boys, anchors aweigh.
Farewell to foreign shores, we sail at break
of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night ashore, drink to the
foam,
Until we meet once more, here's wishing
you a happy voyage home.**

AIR FORCE

**Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
climbing high into the sun.
Here they come zooming to meet our
thunder,
At'em boys, give 'er the gun!
Down we dive spouting our flame from
under
Off with one heck of a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame! Hey!
Nothing'll stop the US Air Force!**

MARINES

**From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores
of Tripoli;
We will fight our country's battles in the air,
on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom and to
keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of United
States Marine.**



