

Supporting Our Veterans And Military Families

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Creating Communities Where All Are Welcome
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We pray for and with our Veterans
and their families.

There are many Veterans residing here in our
area, or attending Mass in our local parishes while
receiving medical services in
our military and VA medical centers.

Our Parish Communities provide opportunities
not only to say *thank you*, but to find out

"How can we help?"

Prayer for Veterans

Help us, dear God, to see your face in every
veteran we encounter. Guide us as we imagine
new ways to support Veterans and their families.
Bring healing and peace to all who have been
wounded physically, mentally and spiritually
during wartime. Help us bring your saving grace
to heal the invisible wounds of war. We ask this
in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Mass Petition:

For Veterans and their families, may they continue to
serve our country in civilian life, and be welcomed and
supported in our parishes, let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Veterans need...

- Spiritual support from parishes
- Employment opportunities
- Residential & educational opportunities
- Mental
- Wellness supports
- Opportunities to serve

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Returning Veterans constitute a vast untapped resource for our country and for our parishes. These are men and women with education, expertise and tremendous gifts.
NCPD Webinar on Veterans

- Introduce yourself to a Veteran and invite them to come to Mass or parish event
- Watch NCPD online training, "How Can We Help? Parish Support for Veterans" at <http://www.ncpd.org/webinars/veterans>
- Recognize that all members of a Veteran's family need support
- Have a job networking fair after Mass for Vets
- Offer a retreat, or start a listening group

Welcoming Veterans Back Home: Catholic Partners in Faith & Fellowship

- ADW Dept. of Special Needs Ministries
- Catholic Charities DC-Parish & School Programs
- Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability
- Redeemer House for Veterans
- Georgetown Academy for Veterans
- Military & VA Catholic Chaplains

...we, as Catholics, have a duty to make our contribution to the psychological and spiritual rehabilitation of these brave young men and women who have sacrificed so much for their country.

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