

A Deployed Soldier's Prayer

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Father, as I pack my bags to deploy to the fray,
I think about my family's future in the coming days.
Please watch them and protect them and keep them safe from harm.
When they need some comfort, hold them in your loving arms.

I ask not for my own sake, but for their sake I pray:
Lead me through my tour and bring me home without delay.
They need me, Father, and I need them, so see me through the tour.
Help me do my duty, Lord, and help me to endure.

Father, now I find myself within the combat zone.
I bow my knee acknowledging I cannot make it on my own.
The enemy surrounds me, but I have naught to fear.
I have put my faith in you to break their sword and spear.

Alas! Dear Lord, I see my comrade wounded on the field!
Be merciful to him, oh God, and let his wounds be healed.
Quickly bring an end to war, and let the conflict cease.
Help us solve our differences, and let us live in peace.

And when my tour of duty here is over, Lord I pray:
Lead me to my family once again without delay.
And let me find them there as they were the day I left.
Restore me to my loved ones there; I ask no other gift.

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