L: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

R: We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

L: We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

R: We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.

L: Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be kept in Your name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word of truth.

R: Keep our chaplains in Your name. Fill them with the joy that comes from knowing You have defeated sin and death. Grant them insight into the questions and needs of those who serve in Your wonderful ministry who seek the best healing for patients suffering.

L: Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the wounded-warrior wards and in our military hospitals as they provide pastoral care to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer.

R: Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatments for patients’ suffering.

L: God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move daily with confidence and joy.

R: We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

L: In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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Jesus,abyrinths, mountain tops and vast expanses of water are all places that are capable of demonstrating our God’s power and love. They are places where we can feel small and insignificant in comparison to the vastness of nature. These places serve as reminders of our need to trust in God’s provision and guidance. They also highlight the importance of stewardship and environmental responsibility.

L: Lord, God, You have sustained our