

The Soldier's Rosary

(Start with the Cross in your hands and the rosary hanging loosely over your hands)

At the first LARGE BEAD pray the Lord's Prayer:

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”

At the First SMALL BEAD pray the Prayer of Protection:

Heavenly Father, deliver me from mine enemies, Oh my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer, please set angels over me to keep me in all Your ways. O Holy God, though a thousand fall at my side, and ten thousand fall at my right hand; please let it not come close to me and my companions. In Christ's name, Amen

At the Second SMALL BEAD pray the Family Prayer:

“Shelter my home, O God, and all my dear ones there. Make me strong, unselfish, and brave to defend and protect them. Send down Your peace to my loved ones at home, grant them an abundance of grace, and comfort them with patience and freedom from worry as they await my safe return. Amen.”

At the Third SMALL BEAD pray the Soldier's Prayer:

“Brave warriors, should fate find us in battle, May our cause be just. May our leaders have clear vision. May our courage not falter. May we be triumphant and earn victory as we show mercy to our enemies. May our efforts bring lasting peace. May our sacrifice be always appreciated by those we serve. May we return to our loved ones unharmed. Should we be harmed, may our wounds heal. Should we perish in the struggle, may God embrace us and find for us a place in His Kingdom. In the name of our Savior Christ Jesus, Amen.”

At the Second LARGE BEAD pray the 23rd Psalm:

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen”

As you go around the Rosary meditate on yourself and your companions for the first 10 Small Beads – Pray the prayer of protection on the next Large Bead. Meditate on your family and friends at home on the next 10 Small Beads – Pray the Family Prayer on the next Large Bead. Meditate on your military service and your country for the next 10 Small Beads – Pray the Soldier's Prayer on the next Large Bead. Meditate on your faith and your relationship with your Heavenly Father on the next 10 Small Beads – Pray the 23rd Psalm on the next Large Bead. Meditate in Personal Prayer for the last 10 Small Beads – Pray the Lord's Prayer.

The Soldier's Rosary is intended to help service men and women who, may or may not otherwise be “religious” to express their thoughts and prayers to their God.