

Chaplain Report November 2024 November is Membership Month

Be Thankful For All You Have!

We have much to be thankful for. No matter how bad our situation is, we only have to look around us to see that there are others far worse off, than we are.

I am thankful that in late September, I had the privilege of attending the National Combined Americanism and Chaplain's Conference in Indianapolis. The weekend was filled with worship and fellowship as well as some other important information regarding Girls and Boys State, Girls and Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Children and Youth as well as Oratorical. I was the only Auxiliary Department Chaplain to attend, and I learned a lot. I would like to thank Madame President Mayberry and the Department of Arizona for this opportunity. It was a worthwhile experience that I encourage others to attend as well if they are able. One of the projects we did as a group was to break down the Lord's Prayer, and to give our own interpretations of it. We always recite it from memory in church services, but do we really understand the words behind it? That is one thing to think about.

Look for more information about your role, awards, reports, and prayer books in your packet from the November Fall Conference. I hope I see you there-and please, if we haven't met, introduce yourself!!!

We only need to look around us to see our life as a gift. Often, we overlook the gifts we have given us, all the things we take for granted. We grumble and wish our life was different. All of life is an underserved gift. We may have hardships to overcome, more trials than victories, but remember, there is a gift in every day. There are blessings in every day.

As we bow our heads in reverence, thank you for all that I have. Thank you for my family, my friends, and all the gifts you have given to me. Help me be more aware of all that I have to be thankful for. When I am sad, give me laughter when I am lonely, let me turn to you. You are my hope, my strength. Thank you for never leaving me. Amen.

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know: Stephanie McMullen Chaplain, stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com, (623) 910-4716