



Chaplain's Primary Role

The chaplain should attend all meetings and have an opening and closing prayer at each meeting. These prayers may come from any source: Reflections in the quarterly Auxiliary magazine, ALA Chaplains Prayer Book, self-composed prayers, or those found elsewhere (***including in your conference packet!***)

As a chaplain, **the most important thing for you to remember is that the American Legion Auxiliary does not promote any one religion.** We must not offend anyone by promoting our own religion.





Traditional Activities



- Reporting the names of members who are ill and sending them cards
- Sending sympathy cards to family members. If possible, visiting the funeral and doing a memorial service for the deceased member.
- Being in charge of religious services for the unit.
- Visiting members and veterans in nursing homes or those who are shut-ins.
- Keeping in contact with Gold Star and Blue Star Families and remembering them on holidays.
- **Making a prayer book or devotional book. In doing this, encourage member participation.**





Why create or contribute to a Prayer Book?

Prayer calms our heart & mind

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Praying grows our trust

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” Jeremiah 17:7

Prayer provides guidance

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer gives us perspective

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

Prayer leads us to forgiveness

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32



One Prayer; Many recipients

- **Submit your prayer to:**
 - Your Unit Chaplain: For your Unit President
 - Your Junior Activities Chaplain or Chairman: For your Unit Junior President
 - Your District Chaplain: For your District President
 - Your Department Chaplain: For your Department President

Your prayer may be original or one you found

Your signature on your prayer makes it a keepsake

You've got your first two in your packet!

The effort to do this is its own reward!



Other Activities to Consider

- Send “Joy” cards— special occasions like landmark anniversaries, great report card, new job
- Engaging Junior members in activities, attend Junior meetings and mentor them
- Buddy checks- call members who have been absent at meetings or events they usually attend
- Attend Community events as an advocate
- Always be mindful of other members and their roles within the organization
- Bring laughter and joy!



Springfield Baptist Church

PRACTICE THANKING GOD
FOR MORE THAN
ELASTIC WAISTBANDS .

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



Resources

(More info in your Conference packet)

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National Chaplain Facebook page

Chaplains Manual

This American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains Manual was created to aid ALA chaplains. You will find that it contains prayers for numerous occasions, memorial services, as well as other services such as the Four Chaplains service.

Chaplains' Prayer Book

The prayers are a compilation of those submitted by past chaplains of the American Legion Auxiliary. The material reflects the true non-denominational and non-sectarian views of the "Service to God and Country" programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please use this book when and wherever possible.

Manual of Ceremonies

This manual provides examples of suggested ceremonies for Unit meetings and special occasions.



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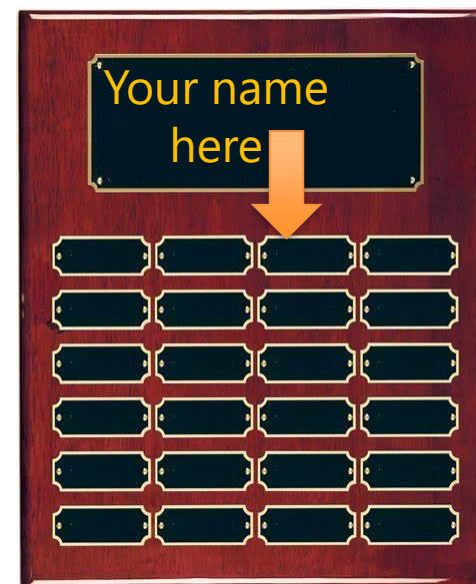
Available on www.aladeptaz.org

- Sharon Alley Service to God and Country Plaque

A narrative about what your Unit does to include God in your programs and activities.

- Prayer Books

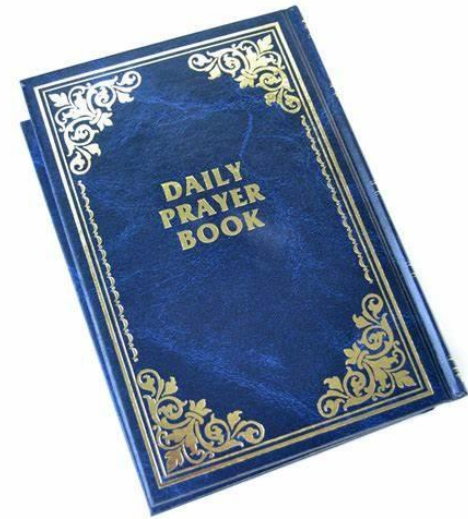
- Crisler **Unit** Prayer Book Plaque
- Evelyn Hoff **Junior** Prayer Book Plaque
(Unit Juniors & Seniors contribute)
- Betty Smith **District** Prayer Book Plaque





Department President's Prayer Book

(Presented one year from today)



Your prayer wishes and name will be memorialized!
Most meaningful if signed!

Submit your prayer in-person, by snail mail or email

Contact info Marge Christianson, Dept Chaplain
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Reporting

(form available at www.aladeptaz.org)

- Statistics like cards sent/\$ spent, buddy calls, etc
- **Touch your heart stories & photos!!!**



