



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**Giving thanks for our veterans**  
**ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Weekly Video Message**  
**Nov. 13, 2020**

In 2018, I had the privilege and honor to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This week, we observed Veterans Day, and we give thanks for the service of men and women through all generations who have served our country.

Here is a prayer from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services:

Let us pray: "Almighty and ever living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us.

"Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen."