<u>M</u> ighty art Thou God, the Creator of the heavens and earth, we call upon Thee to bless this nation of ours, as we gather together to honor those of our defenders who gave their all to protect us.

E ach year, we commemorate the memory of those who willingly and bravely sacrificed their own lives to create, nurture and protect this country we are blessed to call home.

<u>M</u> ost Blessed Heavenly Father, we are the beneficiaries of Thy three major gifts of freedom, freedom of thought, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion because of their sacrifice.

open our hearts Lord Jesus, that others may be empowered with the blessings Thou hast so provided us with thru Thy own sacrifice, so they may enjoy the potential Thou hast created for us all.

Red ran the blood shed by our stalwart defenders through the ages, for like Thy perfect example, Lord Jesus, greater love hast no man, than to willingly lay down his life in defense of his fellow man.

In Thee, oh Lord Jesus, we find the aperfect example which many have tried to emulate, for Thou so loved mankind that Thou allowed Thyself to be subjected to torment and death on our behalf.

<u>A</u> s. we assemble here today to honor our departed defenders, we bow our heads and ask Thy intervention on behalf of our nation, so that their heroic sacrifice shall not Iprove to be in vain. L ord, God, we call upon Thee to bless this nation of ours that they so gallantly defended,

<u>L</u> ord, God, we call upon Thee to bless this nation of ours that they so gallantly defended, asking Thy intervention and protection from the enemy within and those who would seek our destruction.

<u>P</u> eliver us, oh Lord Jesus, from the temptation to let others snatch away our sense of responsibility for our decisions, for that is the first step one takes towards the curse of true enslavement.

<u>A</u> fford us the courage to stand our own ground in righteous defense of our faith and nation, for only then we truly honor those who have paved the way in the creation and defense of our nation.

Y ea, Lord, while praising Thy Holy Name, we honor those who have given their lives to insure our freedoms, for Thou art the Living God, our Aid in Adversity and our Stalwart, Ultimate Protector.