

CHAPLAIN
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Let us remember that we are all free to pray, and that prayer is a God-given right to all humanity. The opportunity to pray is a privilege, honor and sacred duty.

Make a commitment to pray daily for your veterans and service men and women and any Legion or Auxiliary member. Minutes can change crisis into hope when you take the time to pray. Chronicles 7:14- If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble them selves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their hearts.

Let us reconnect with the heart of God, the master of might and promote our founding fathers' desire to create one nation under God.

- Increase awareness of the actual wording of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, with regard to religious expressions.
- Educate members on awareness of the diversity of all faiths and cultures.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 – Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

- Provide educational materials.
- Organizing mentor ships with a spirit of unity.

I will need every members help in preparing a memorable President's Prayer Book.

- * Please submit your favorite prayers, poems and inspirational thoughts.
- * Ask Legion members and Junior Auxiliary members to share also.
- * Send to Cheryl Vap, 1189 Road CD, Red Cloud, NE 68970

I would appreciate that you would send a report of what and how you are using prayers in your Units.

Chaplain Resources: Auxiliary:

- * Unit Handbook
- * Manual of Ceremonies
- * Chaplain's Prayer Book
- * Auxiliary Convalescent Emblem Cards w/envelope
- * Auxiliary Sympathy Emblem Cards w/envelope
- * Auxiliary website Chaplain's Corner (www.legion-aux.org)

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- * Grace Cards (755.110)*
- * The Chaplain's Prayer Manual of the American Legion (755.111)*
- * Service to God and Country Handbook for Chaplains (755.122)*
- * American Legion magazine
- * The Dispatch newsletter
- * The Legion website (www.legion.org)*

* Most materials are available from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, PO Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206; 888-453-4466; <http://emblem.legion.org>

AWARDS

Unit prayer books will be judged at their respective District Conventions. Please use 2009-2010 ABC Book guidelines for judging the Senior Prayer Books. The winning prayer books are to be sent to me postmarked on or before May 1, 2010, for Department judging. Send to: Cheryl Vap, 1189 Road CD, Red Cloud, NE 68970

GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR PRAYER BOOKS

I Paper 5 Points

Use standard size typing paper or computer paper 8.5 x 11 inches. Erasable paper will be accepted.

II Cover 5 Points

May be hard or theme style, purchased at any school supply center. Cover decoration is not necessary.

III Contents 60 Points

a. Books must be typed. A typewriter, word processor or computer can be used. It is important to present a clean page. Smudges and double hits with typewriter keys can spoil an otherwise very good Prayer Book for judging.

b. Use only one side of the paper per sheet.

c. Very little or no decorations on sheets with prayers or devotional thoughts.

d. Full page pictures can be used for dividers or insertions.

e. Prayers may be original or of your preference. Author's name or source **MUST** be listed. Member's name and unit **MUST** be listed on articles Contributed "Source" at bottom right of piece. Member's name" at bottom left.

f. Devotional thought may be scriptures from the Bible, poems, or other articles. Author's name or source must be listed Member's name and unit must be listed on articles contributed.

g. Dividers (available at school supply centers) or use sheets for the **TWO SECTIONS**, namely, 1) **PRAYERS** and 2) **DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS**. Dividers may be decorated tastefully.

h. Be sure to spell correctly. Even if you use spell check, do your own spell check to catch grammatical errors or words that seem right to the computer but in reality are wrong for the meaning.

IV Introduction Page 15 Points

- Double-spaced and centered on the page and include the following information:

- a. American Legion Auxiliary Seal
(Available thru Dept. Headquarters)
- b. Name of Unit, number and address
- c. Name of Department
- d. Name of Unit Chaplain
- e. Name of Unit President
- f. Year (2009 – 2010)

-SAMPLE-

Joe Smith, Unit # 000
 400 Main Street, Any town, NE
 Department of Nebraska
 Iris Blooming Chaplain
 Ruby Rose, President
 2009-2010

V Summary Page15 Points

- a. Unit name, number
- b. Name of Department
- c. Number of members in Unit
- d. Signature of Unit Chaplain
- e. Signature of Unit President

CITATION POINTS - 20 points assigned

- 5 pts... Opened and closed every meeting with prayer
 - 2 pts... Donated to the Chapel of Four Chaplains or other organization that received Memorial Donations
 - 1 pt... Used Grace Cards
 - 2 pts... Make a Unit Prayer book
 - 2 pts... Unit used the “Home Front” Reflections page
 - 2 pts... Conducted Memorial Services and Draped the Charter for Deceased members
 - 2 pts... Contacted The Legion Chaplain to share ideas
 - 2 pts... Unit made a poppy wreath to be placed in local churches
 - 2 pts... Unit donated to Gold Star Fund
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