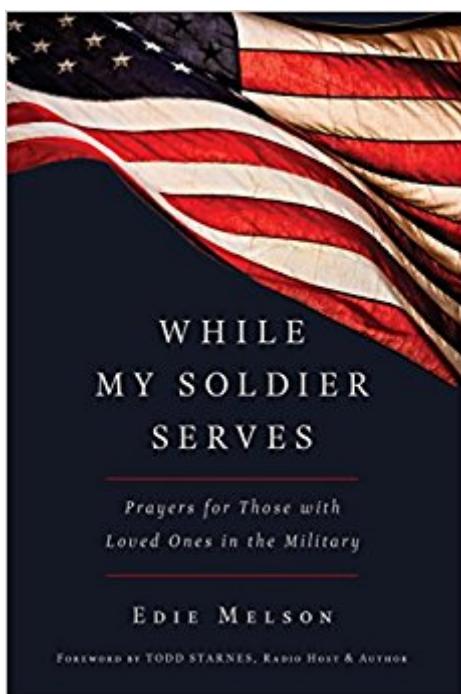


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While My Soldier Serves: Prayers For Those With Loved Ones In The Military



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As the mother of an active duty Marine, Edie Melson lived this book before she wrote it. Edie understands what it is to face adversity and come out triumphant on the other side. Her years as a

wife, mother, and ministry leader have given her a unique perspective to reach out to others facing the same struggles. She's the Military Family Blogger for Guideposts.org, social media director for several writing websites, and a popular ministry and conference speaker. She lives in Simpsonville, South Carolina.

My soldier hasn't deployed yet, but I wanted to get this book of prayers to be prepared when he does. I LOVE it. I wasn't planning to even start reading it until he leaves, but once I picked it up and got just a few prayers in I started thinking of people I want to gift this to, and quickly realized I wish I could get one for everyone I know. It really is powerful and we all know someone who is already serving or has a loved one serving. Thank you for opening your heart and leading us in these prayers. I know my soldier will be reluctant to share his fears while he serves in effort to keep me from worrying. These prayers will help guide my prayers and focus my time to find comfort for myself and blanket my soldier in Gods protection.

perfect book for any military parent!

When I'm facing a challenging and frightening situation, I appreciate the love and support of friends and family, but what I really need is someone who has been there. Someone who has stood where I'm standing. Someone who has felt what I'm feeling. Someone who won't be shocked by the wildly swinging emotions I'm experiencing because she has ridden that roller coaster herself. While My Soldier serves is exactly that kind of book. Edie has been there and her words will resonate with every spouse, parent, sibling, child, and friend who loves someone serving our country. While My Soldier Serves isn't a prayer book that a marketing team decided would be a good idea. While My Soldier Serves is the book that Edie Melson wished had been available to her while her son was serving. It's written by a mother who daily dealt with the fear of having her son far away and in grave danger. While My Soldier Serves is a book that needs to be in the hands of every person who loves someone serving at home or abroad.

Edie Melson has written a jewel of a prayer book about God's care and how to keep a strong faith while your soldier serves. She has included not only prayers for your soldier but for yourself, as well, as you grapple with the fact your loved one could and most likely is in danger at every moment of every day. The wisdom of God and faith to make it through the long months of waiting fill this book. It's a keeper and a book to share as well. These prayers spread God's wings of protection over your

loved one. Elva Cobb Martin, President South Carolina Chapter of American Christian Fiction Writers. www.elvamartin.com

Having had a family member serving in the military, I've seen the effects of how hard deployment can be for those left behind. I wish that I had had this book to share and use during those difficult months and years. When your loved one deploys, you feel such a sense of loss of control. You want to pray, but sometimes don't even know how to pray. This book by Edie isn't just a "God, keep my soldier safe" book. The prayers in this book are more comprehensive. They don't just focus on the immediate but help you think and pray longterm. Even though our soldier is retired now after 20 or so years of service and countless missions, the prayers in this book are helping me pray for my children. Helping me pray for the bigger picture. I know that families with active service members will benefit greatly from this book of prayers.

This will be a gift for several military family friends. I listen, I hug, I pray with, and I know of the sleepless nights and worry. The staying strong. The keeping a positive note in your voice. The strain of holding down the fort at home. All of it infused with a true, earned sense of honor and pride for the ethics and the service and the sacrifice. Family at home wage their own battles, and as they pray, this book highlights focus areas. It's both a resource and an encouragement. Edie Melson--a mom who has lived this--speaks from a place of empathy and experience. This is a book you'll buy again and again--to offer to those who are sharing the sacrifice with their soldiers.

Military strategies may change with time, but fears and questions remain, whether our soldiers are currently serving, or have participated during earlier conflict years. With prayers organized by specific need, Edie Melson's *While My Soldier Serves* is the perfect prayer book for all situations and types of soldiers: sons and daughters, males and females, moms and dads, husbands and wives...for the soldier, as well as the family and friends back home who wait. A much-needed guide for groups who support the military through prayer and encouragement. As the wife of a disabled veteran, I hold this book close to my heart. I know you will, too.

Exactly what I needed to prepare my heart...When my son came home and told me he had joined the Navy, the first thing I did was pick up Edie Melson's, *While My Soldier Serves*. I had read Edie's *Fighting Fear* book and knew she, as a military mom, knew the prayers I didn't even know how to voice. *While My Soldier Serves* was exactly what I hoped - prayers that put to voice the fears inside,

prayers for my son that helped me understand, prayers that I know will sustain me as I let him go into God's protection. I know it will remain by my bed-side during his deployment. A must-have for every one who has a loved one in the military.

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