

## **A PRAYER OF UNITY!**

My fellow Auxiliary Members;

Today, I want to share with you my prayer of Unity. We have all been quarantined, confined at home, wearing masks, washing our hands, and social distancing for over a year now. Some feel that all Hope is lost and there is no end to this Pandemic. I want to encourage you to continue to hold on to God's unchanging hands. God can restore our hope and give us more love and peace.

In two days we will be entering the season of spring! Hallelujah!!!

It is time to clean house and make new plans. We need to start focusing and looking forward to the end of this Pandemic. Many of us have had two Covid-19 vaccinations and those in the fourth group are able to schedule a vaccine. Isn't God Good? This means that God's Mercy and Grace still prevails. No matter what evil some of you may have faced, God is shifting the atmosphere. Let us Praise his Holy Name!!

It is time for us to renew our commitment to this great organization. We must never fail to remember our Mission Statement: ***"In the Spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security."***

We must continue to increase our membership! Well, you ask, 'How do we do that?' If we all remember, we were taught to "recruit, recruit, and recruit." In addition to doing this, we have to continue to work our programs to the best of our ability. We cannot throw in the towel and say "I've had it. I don't want to do anything else." Where is your Faith?

We must get back to loving each other and being kind. The love that God sent into this world was for us to be reconciled back to him. Jesus told us to do this..."Love one another...as I have loved you." Jesus prayed that we, his followers, would be one, as he and his Father are one. Jesus said it is our oneness that will convince the world that God sent him to us and that God loves us.

In closing, Ephesians 4:2-3, states "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the Unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Dear father, thank you for the opportunity to share your word in fellowship with each Auxiliary member. We ask you to forgive us of all sins knowingly and unknowingly. We give you all the Glory, honor and praise. We thank you for your Faithfulness and all that you will be doing in lifting up our organization and its members. Grant us thy peace. In your precious name, we do pray. Amen.

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