

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, who has brought us together in this association to uphold the ideals of the Airborne Trooper, keep us faithful and true to the finest things in American life. Never let us forget the lessons of war so that they may be our guides in the times of peace. Strengthen and protect the armed forces of our nation that they may be a safeguard against those who would overthrow our way of life. Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us to use our freedom for the maintenance of justice among men and nations. Grant that we may do this and all other things in the memory of our departed comrades, whose presence is among us and never to be forgotten. Unite us in steadfast loyalty to the ideals for which courageous troopers have defended with great sacrifice. We offer this prayer in the name of our Lord. Amen.