Hymn for Absent Soldiers and Sailors.

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Lord we plead for those dear loved ones Far from home or friend, May Thy gracious love sustain them, And defend.

In the awful day of battle
When their foes prevail,
Strengthen them with hope and courage,
Lest they fail.

When the night of darkness deepens, And no help is near, May the comfort of Thy Presence Calm each fear.

If in pain or sickness lying,
Far beyond our care,
Jesu, by Thy mercy keep them
From despair.

So in lowly faith we leave them
To Thy love divine,
For we know that dead or living
All are Thine.

Thus shall we in soul and spirit
Still united be.
And may every parting bring us
Nearer Thee.
Amen.

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