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FOREWORD

Marine Corps Reference Publication 6-12D, *Devotional Field Book*, is a resource for Command Religious Programs (CRPs) in the Marine Corps. In addition to being a personal devotional guide for Marines and Sailors, it may be used in conducting divine services or lay led services. This book has been designed primarily to support those operations where limited printed resources are available for the CRP.

The scriptures, prayers, hymns, songs, statements of faith and meditations contained in this book were carefully chosen by chaplains, Marines, and Sailors. These selections have historically offered guidance, encouragement, and support to people in time of need.

This book supersedes Navy Marine Corps (NAVMC) 2765. It is dedicated to the hope that it will lead others to the inexhaustible resources of God.

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# **THE MARINE'S PRAYER**

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Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of thy presence and obedient to thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed, and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.  
Amen

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# SCRIPTURES

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## HEBREW/OLD TESTAMENT

### *Exodus 20*

And God spoke all these words,

**2** “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**3** “You shall have no other gods before me.

**4** “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

**5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

**6** but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**7** “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

**8** “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**9** Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

**10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD