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### Action Steps:

1. **Pray** for the members of the military and their families. Thank God for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.
2. **Learn** about the threats to Religious Liberty in the Armed Forces. Visit [militaryfreedom.org](http://militaryfreedom.org) and download *Clear and Present Danger I, II*.
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