

# Download War Memorial Benedictions

Memorial Day Benediction The following is the benediction I will be giving at the War Memorial on the Franklin Town Common on Monday May 26th at the end of the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony held at the Town Memorial to all the veterans of all the Wars to keep our country free. During the War of 1812, Chaplain James J. Wilmer was the only chaplain known to have died during this war. During the Civil War the Army Chaplaincy developed many procedures still in place. Most chaplains became less a "fighting parson," and more "spiritual" in their emphasis. An invocation for Memorial Day. The veterans who lost friends in battle expose this lie for what it is. The families who live in the wake of their loved-ones honorable sacrifice expose this lie for what it is. War is not "just an extension of diplomacy." As the Civil War general William Tecumseh Sherman so eloquently stated, ... Memorial Dedication. A monument with statues representative of the presence of American soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq was dedicated during this program. I was given the distinct honor of being asked to deliver the dedication prayer and the benediction on this very moving occasion. The following is the text of that prayer...