

THE PRAYER BEHIND THE BARN | BY LT. JOHN HOWARD

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Dear God we pause to offer
our simple thanks that this
day for which the world has
waited is at hand. God help
our leaders and statesmen to
build a world of harmony and
brotherhood that these last years
of cruelty and agony may not be
repeated. God help our leaders
and God, help us too, to be worthy
of the fact that we were
chosen to survive the war,
Let us not forget our friends
who gave their lives that we
might see this day. In their
memory may we be better
men, may we have the courage
to stand for what we know to
be right, and, if necessary,

may we have the courage
to carry out whatever
tasks are assigned to us
in freeing the Orient.

God keep our loved ones
safe until we return to them.
Amen

Prayer offered with own

platoon as the war ended