



City of St. Charles  
ILLINOIS

# Proclamation

## MEMORIAL DAY – PRAYER FOR PEACE

**WHEREAS,** on **Memorial Day**, a grateful Nation remembers the proud patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of liberty's blessings; and

**WHEREAS,** from the opening battles of the American Revolution through the turmoil of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf and today's operations in the war on terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world, the members of our military have built a tradition of honorable and faithful services; and

**WHEREAS,** on this day we remember the more than one million Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, the more than 140,000 citizens who were prisoners of war and all those who were declared missing in action; and

**WHEREAS,** we also honor our veterans for their dedication to America and their sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS,** today, all who wear the uniform of the United States are serving at a crucial hour in history and each has answered a great call to serve our Nation on the front lines of freedom. As we continue to fight terrorism and promote peace and freedom, let us pray for the safety and strength of our troops, for God's blessing on them and their families, and for those who have lost loved ones; and

**WHEREAS,** on this **Memorial Day**, we honor all of our fallen soldiers, their commitment to our country, and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifice. By giving their lives in the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, hereby proclaim **May 31, 2012** as a day of prayer for permanent peace and ask all Americans to observe a Moment of Remembrance on **Memorial Day**.

SEAL

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor