

PRAYER BY CHAPLIN MOORE

At the Monument Dedication

Oh Thou eternal, immortal and invisible God, who has made heaven and earth, we are reminded that Thou art the same today and forever. The occasion that brings us together today is suggestive of the lessons of the past. We come to dedicate to the heroes of the 97th, and humbly ask that those who remain may have thy gracious benediction. We recognize herein Thy supreme sovereignty and we convene today to return Thee thanks for what we have received and thank Thee that we are able to thank Thee as the Father and the Father of our brothers who fell in defense of this country.

Thou hast given victory to our arms when we were compelled to resort to war. We thank Thee for all the blessings that we have received, and Thou alone can make us to dwell in safety and we ask Thou to protect us. That thou will rebuke all evil and everything that which would rob us of that which we hold so dear. Oh God, save us from the Socialist or Anarchist, and keep us under the shadow of Thy wing. We pray especially for those who were members of the 97th, and be the father to the fatherless and widows of those who belonged to the regiment that fell on the field of battle. Amen

Benediction by Rev. Joseph S. Evans, pastor of the Goshen Baptist Church.

And now may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon and abide with us all forever.
Amen

