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The following prayer was sent to Miss Maxine Bulliet of Newton by James B. Crooks, who is serving on the L. S. T. 243. It was written by Dolores Butler, younger sister of Joe Butler, who is also on L. S. T. 243.

A Prayer for the Men of LST 243⁴⁵

Dear God, protect this LST, *June 9,*
The one that's marked "243" *45*
Be with her, God, through thick and thin,

And guide her boys back home again,
Protect her through the thick of fight;

And keep her commander and her crew;

I'm sure they all have faith in you.
Bless the families of these boys,
And fill their lives with all the joys,
That they could have, until their men
Have all come sailing home again.
Keep their homes from day to day,
Just as they were, when they went away.

Above all, God, don't let them lose
Their faith in You. It's You who'll choose,

As to whether they die.
I'm counting on You, God, to listen to my little prayer,
That each one of these heroic men,
Will be brought back to home and to loved ones, again.