

BETTY SMITH DISTRICT PRAYER BOOK PLAQUE

(REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: CHAPLAIN

ELIGIBILITY: Any District in the Department of Arizona in good standing is eligible to submit for this award.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Book of Prayers created by the District Chaplain. Only one Prayer Book from each District may be submitted. Size of the cover of the book shall not be larger than 9.5 x 11.5 in. (standard loose leaf size) nor smaller than 7 x 9.5 in. The book is to be furnished by the Unit and should have the American Legion Auxiliary Emblem on the cover. Nothing shall be above the Emblem. The cover may be printed, stamped, or painted.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due on the first day of Department Convention, covering the period from the District's Installation of Officers through the end of their term.

AWARD PRESENTATION: At Department Convention by the Department Chaplain. The plaque for the Betty Smith District Prayer Book award will continue as a traveling plaque to be kept with the District for the next year.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The judging of the District Prayer Books for the awarding of this plaque shall be done at Convention prior to the Department Chaplain's report by a committee of at least three (3) appointed by the Department Chaplain. The Chaplain may be a judge. No judge shall have a conflict of interest, e.g., their District has submitted for the award.

1. Prayers shall be inter-faith and non-denominational.
2. Original prayers shall be signed by the District member submitting them, and shall be in one section by themselves.
3. Prayer book shall be divided into sections for prayers collected: Original, Patriotic, Holiday, Table, Children, Inspirational, Sympathy, etc. Each section will be named by a divider page. Once again, prayers do not require a signature unless composed by a member. Give authors of non-original prayers or verses, if possible.
4. Non-denominational religious pictures or drawings may be used on divider pages ONLY.
5. The flyleaf will have name and number of the District; Dates of current administrative year; Total membership on date set by Officers and Chairmen (usually May 1); Number of members submitting original prayers; and Names & signatures of the District Chaplain and District President.
6. Prayers may be hand-printed (age of author considered) or typewritten on paper with no lines and have a 1 inch margin on all sides.
7. Judging: The following point system will be used to judge the District Prayer Books.
8. NO Department Report Form is to be included.
9. Point System for judging:

Contents	50%
Arrangement and Neatness	20%
Total Number of all submissions	15%
Percentage of District members submitting original prayers signed with their own signature	15%

PLEASE NOTE: National Awards, if applicable, follow a separate submission and judging process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.

As of 2026 Prayer Books do not have a National Award equivalent.

Plaque placed in field November 1995