A Soldiers Prayer Book”

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, 'Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?' The soldier replied, 'I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.' The sergeant said, 'Looks to me like you're going to play cards.' The soldier said, 'No, sir . You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.' The sergeant asked in disbelief, 'How will you do that?'

'You see the **Ace**, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God.

The **Two** represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments

The **Three** represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The **Four** stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John .

The **Five** is for the five virgins there were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The **Six** is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The **Seven** is for the day God rested after making His Creation.

The **Eight** is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives -- the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth.

The **Nine** is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him.

The **Ten** represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The **Jack** is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

The **Queen** stands for the Virgin Mary.

The **King** stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards -- there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.' The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, 'Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?'

Prayer for the Military.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them.
Bless them and their families
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen