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PRAYER WHICH ROOSEVELT WILL READ TONIGHT

Washington—(AP)—This is the invasion prayer which President Roosevelt wrote while allied troops were landing on the coast of France and which he will read to the nation by radio at 9 p. m., (C.W.T.) tonight:

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My fellow Americans:
In this poignant hour, I ask you to join me in prayer:
Almighty God. Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.
Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness to their faith.
They will need thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. The enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our



KILLED—Pvt. Howard G. Winter, a member of an ordnance and supply group attached to an army air force unit in China. Story on page 10.

Invasion

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the coast, where "a battle for life or death is in progress."
The seaborne troops were preceded by massed flights of parachute and glider forces who landed inland during the dark.
The German radio said the landings were made from Cherbourg to Le Havre—a strip of coast roughly 100 miles long—and later said additional landings were being made, "west of Cherbourg" indicating that the allies intended to seize the Normandy peninsula with its ports and airdromes as the first base of their

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O Lord God of Hosts, Who are a strong tower to all who put their trust in Thee, guard and guide our soldiers and sailors, our airmen and marines, and all enlisted in the service of our nation, especially at this time of invasion those who are now engaged in battle for us, and our cause. Give Thy holy angels charge over them to protect them in all their ways. Strengthen them in danger, succor the wounded and receive the dying; and if it be Thy gracious will, bring them safe home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful God, we beseech Thee uphold with Thy grace those who are serving the wounded and the dying. Grant to thy priests faithfulness and love; to the physicians and surgeons wisdom and skill; and to the nurses patience and tenderness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Thou our God who judgest aright, in this invasion time behold our peoples who