

Good and gracious God,

As we gather this morning for the unveiling of this nose art, we give you thanks for all the possibilities which this day affords, and the wonderful work which men and women accomplish when they take advantage of those possibilities.

Women throughout history have seized on possibilities and said yes to your offer to be heroic leaders and to guide people to greater freedom and peace. Their courage, their can-do spirit – not asking “if” it can be done, but “when you do need it...” lifts the spirit and inspires all others around to likewise step-up and answer the call to excellence.

We thank you for this nose-art which calls to mind and celebrates the accomplishments of our gifted, strong, and courageous female Air Force maintainers. Stepping up they have demonstrated time and again that for them no task is too great, and with their undying resolve the answer is always, “mission accomplished.”

We pray, may this symbol worthily acknowledge the hard work, often done under adverse conditions at all hours of the day and night, of our maintainers. May its presence assure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Lastly, Lord God, may this art remind all who see it that men and women are created equal. Bolstered in this truth may all members of the Air Force strive for the new heights which your opportunities daily afford.

We ask all this in your divine name. *Amen.*