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... the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you

come under my roof. Therefore, I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." Luke 7:6-9

Prayer

Today is Veterans' Day here in the US. There are ceremonies, prayers, and remembrances held all over the country. Here in Goochland County a ceremony will be held at the Goochland High School auditorium at 11:00am. If you are able plan to attend a ceremony in your area. If you are unable to I recommend this prayer for your use today:

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share in the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You might also remember . . .

. . . many in the military have a sense of what faith is because of the command structure in which they live, as Jesus observes in the story above. This leads some (maybe many) to come to faith in Jesus, as you see in the baptism depicted in the photo above. Would you also keep praying for God to move powerfully bringing many in our military to faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to a life of discipleship.

Grace and Peace,

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