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## Remember troops and their families

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Our country observed Veterans Day this past Wednesday on Nov. 11. This is a day to remember all our veterans past and present. Canada and the United Kingdom have the same kind of day, but they call it "Remembrance Day" instead. We used to use the same term here.

In America, we honor all soldiers from both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Falklands, Lebanon, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, and now Iraq. We think of those who are in active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, as well as those who are no longer in uniform, but for whom we are indebted to as a country.

And let us not forget those who heroically served all the way back to the founding of our country. For example, those who fought in the American Revolution to win our independence as a county. Also, how can we help but to be mindful of the more recent events in the news with the horrific happenings at Fort Hood in Texas.

We owe so very much to these heroes! They deserve our fullest support and appreciation. One way to do this is to pray daily for them and their families. The families are often overlooked when we think about and pray for our troops. The relatives of these soldiers have sacrificed so much themselves in order to let their loved ones go and serve our wonderful country. Let us not forget their sacrifices as well.

Please realize that prayer is so powerful and accomplishes so much! I also remember six years ago this past Thursday when I had heart surgery and how people's prayers on my behalf were answered. The prayers of someone who knows Christ as their personal lord and savior are like perfume to our God. So let the prayers of the saints of God rise to His throne on behalf of our troops and their families.

Stand in the gap and intercede for them. Our active soldiers, many of whom are on their fourth tour overseas, face great danger on a daily basis and need someone back home to be on their knees doing battle for them in prayer on a daily basis as well.

In addition to praying, seek opportunities the Lord brings your way for you to show your appreciation for our veterans and their families. I do not think that anyone reading this article does not know of at least one person serving or who has served. Seek opportunities to express your thanks to them; especially, during this time when our country needs to be united again in so many ways and as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving very soon.

We have so many freedoms and blessings in the United States of America for which we have to be thankful! Much of this has to do with how God has given us so many brave men and women who have such an immense love for our country. Let us honor them by our regular prayers for them and their families and by displaying thoughtful tokens of our heartfelt thanks!

To all of our veterans, we say from the bottoms of our hearts, "Thank you and may God richly bless you!"

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