



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Holy God, you rewarded the faith of a Roman centurion who feared and trusted you. May we have the same unshakable faith in your mercy and ability to heal all that prevents us from serving you, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

(Luke 7:14-15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus was busy healing and teaching throughout the countryside. When a Roman centurion asked for Jesus' help, it took Jesus by surprise.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Who in your life might be considered an outsider? How do you support them? How does having them in your life make your life better?

How can your community of faith support you when you're grieving? Is it hard to reach out for help? Why or why not?

For the littles: Who in your school or daycare is a little different? Celebrate your differences and your similarities!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God heal your grief. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Reach out to someone in your community who is isolated or grieving. Bring them a meal. Invite them for coffee. Be a listening ear. You don't have to have any answers. Just be there for them.

Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.



Monday: *Jesus Speaks in Parables*, Luke 8:4-21

Tuesday: *Jesus Calms a Storm and Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*, Luke 8:22-39

Wednesday: *Jairus' Plea and a Woman Restored*, Luke 8:40-56

Thursday: *Jesus Sends Out Disciples*, Luke 9:1-9

Friday: *Jesus Feeds the 5,000*, Luke 9:10-17

Saturday: *Peter's Confession*, Luke 9:18-27