

WELCOME TO OUR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING!

HISTORY OF NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

In 1988, President Reagan established our National Day of Prayer to be held on the first Thursday of May. It serves as a time to remember and teach the way in which our founders sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical challenges and decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

NATIONAL BROADCAST

You are invited to gather at 8 p.m. (Eastern Time) today to watch, listen or livestream the National Broadcast, available at https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2023_broadcast

2023 THEME

The 2023 theme is inspired by James 5:16, which says,
“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

2023 NATIONAL PRAYER

We come with fervent hearts to praise You Lord. You are The Word, the Way, Truth and Life.
The Alpha and Omega, Lion of Judah, Almighty God who was, and is, and is to come.

You clothed Yourself in flesh and dwelt among us,
to remove our sin and clothe us in Your righteousness that we might dwell with You forever and ever.

With broken, humbled hearts we repent of our sins. Confessing to You our faithlessness,
prayerlessness, and disobedience. Forgive us for our doubt, our prideful and quarrelsome words
that reveal our unclean hearts. Cleanse us and renew a right and steadfast spirit within us we pray.

With grateful hearts we thank You fervently for the blessings in our life and throughout America;
they are more than we are able to count. We will remember Your grace and testify
to Your goodness in all generations. Help us to refrain from complaining,
but instead be prompted to pray faithfully in every circumstance.
Teach us to have a content heart knowing You are always enough for our every need.

As the Church we commit to pray and love our neighbor and nation as You loved us, that our
reputation in this world would be rooted in Your love. Holy Spirit work and overflow through us
in every prayer, thought, word, and deed. May our character, conversations, and conduct
reflect the righteousness in which You clothed us and command us to live.

We pray fervently for our communities, country and world;
for all people who are in the Church and not in the Church;
for Families, Schools, Businesses and Workplaces everywhere,
for our Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media.

Every person is Your workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved.
With hopeful hearts we pray that all would choose to receive Your love and follow You.

We pray that all will confess, “Jesus is Lord” and reflect Your righteousness
in every sphere of influence, and every aspect of our lives.

We ask that heavenly hope would flood our hearts, silence hate,
and that You will heal our land. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen!

SPECIFIC PRAYERS

PRAY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, pray, and seek my face, then I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 1 Chronicles 7:14

- We pray for strength from God for all federal executive, legislative and judicial leaders; for state executive, legislative and judicial leaders; for local executive, legislative and judicial leaders; for our police, fire and all first responders.
- We pray that these leaders and civil servants will seek Your guidance and value one another, respect one another, and work together for the greater good of our nation and the world.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2

- We pray for all military leaders and personnel to seek God in unity, for unity is critical to victory;
- We call upon God for protection over all who serve this country in any capacity;
- We ask God to strengthen our military leaders with courage and wisdom, and pray they will continually depend on God.

PRAY FOR THE MEDIA:

If you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

- We pray for all of those working in the media to respect all persons and share inspirational stories that illustrate God's goodness;
- We ask that God would establish these people to be communicators of His truth;
- We call upon God to protect those reporting from war zones.

PRAY FOR CORPORATE AMERICA:

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5

- We pray for business leaders to comprehend their opportunity to create powerful, effective, and productive teams and businesses that "win" when they allow their steps to be established by God;
- We ask God to empower leaders to be honest and have integrity;
- We call upon God to establish businesses that inspire others as they give back to their local community out of deep care and concern for others.

PRAY FOR EDUCATION:

May the Lord bless you and protect you, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

- We pray for administrators, teachers/faculty and other support staff, bus drivers and all others working in Education to value God's truth and love one another so they can create a culture of love and respect for every student.
- We pray for students to rise up together, loving one another and making a difference in the future of America, which has an impact on the world.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believe...All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- We pray for the family – fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and other extended family members, that they will be strong and create a Christ-centered culture that will have a positive influence for God in the world!
- We pray for the challenges that families face, including lack of food, loss of a job, safety, stressful relationships, grief, and so forth.

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, we ask that you give us a strong sense of your Spirit in our churches. We ask that you fill our hearts with all that you are and direct us in the ways we should go. Bless us and point us toward how we can do more to glorify you. Let us join thousands across this Nation today in praying the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever,
Amen.*