

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Will you make time for earnest prayer today? Join millions of believers in humility before Almighty God, seeking His grace upon us as His people, guidance for our leaders, and healing in our repentance of sins. Established by Congress as an annual event for the first Thursday in May, the National Day of Prayer signifies the historical importance for our nation of prayer and faith in the God of the Bible. President Trump and Governor Reynolds have issued official proclamations calling our citizens to prayer.

1- THEME VERSE - Habakkuk 2:14 declares, "*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*" This passage points toward fulfillment through the Lord Jesus Christ of God's plan of redemption for His people. For this 2020 day of prayer, we are reminded to broadcast the glory of God across the earth, as we turn to Him in a time of national prayer.

2- TUNE IN TONIGHT - You can participate any time today through personal or corporate prayer (even with remote connection with others). A normal year would feature more than 60,000 events across the country. Tonight will feature the largest virtual prayer gathering in history, through digital platforms. The National Day of Prayer Task Force (NDPTF) will broadcast the national program from 7-9 pm tonight on www.nationaldayofprayer.org. Or you can view through GodTV, Daystar, CBN, TLN, Enplace, Facebook, Moody Broadcasting, Bott Radio Network and other channels. Special guests will participate from several cities, including Washington DC, Portland OR, Minneapolis MN, and Nashville TN.

3- NATIONAL PRAYER - NDPTF president Kathy Branzell prays, "Lord, we exist to give You glory. We exist because of Your glory, and in Your glory, as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We give you thanks and praise for every breath and moment You have given to us. We repent of our sin; for the shameful things we have done against You and for our silence when we did not speak up to proclaim Your Name, profess Your Word, or protect and practice Your will. We ask Your forgiveness.

"We pray that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across our nation and the entire earth as we seek Your Kingdom and righteousness; as we walk in obedience to You, and in humble unity, love one another.

"Jesus, the Bible says that You are 'the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.' You have taught us to pray, commanded us to love, and commissioned us to share Your gospel of grace. Your glory fills our hearts and families, it overflows into our neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, churches, entertainment, and media. We give thanks for our military and ask that Your glory would spread to, and through them as they preserve freedom around the world. We pray for our government, that all of our leaders and laws would be filled with Your glory, that they would magnify Your Holy Word and honor Your will and ways.

"We pray that Your grace and glory would spread to bring hope to the hopeless, and love where there is hurt and hate. God, use us as we pray your promise, that '*the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*' In Jesus Name, Amen!"

4- YOU CAN PRAY - Franklin Graham notes, "Scripture reminds that with God, nothing is impossible. No problem is too great. Seasons of distress and uncertainty and hardship call for faithful, fervent prayer by God's people. We cannot expect healing to come to our nation apart from obedience to God through His Holy Word.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12) We are confident that we serve a God of mercy and compassion, and know that He stands ready to respond to our cries out of the abundance of His divine wisdom. Pray that as a nation we would return to God, in genuine faith. We need a revival in America. We need each and every one to pray."

Let us pray! ☐