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THE 74TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

The **National Day of Prayer** is an annual observance held on the **first Thursday of May**, inviting people to pray for the nation.

It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families.

National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America.



FIRST CALL OF PRAYER IN 1775

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of *"humiliation, fasting, and prayer"* in 1863.

Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. The Supreme Court affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer in *Marsh vs. Chambers* (1983).

Each day of President George Washington's tenure, he carried this scripture in his pocket: ***What is required of thee but to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.*** --Micah 6:8.

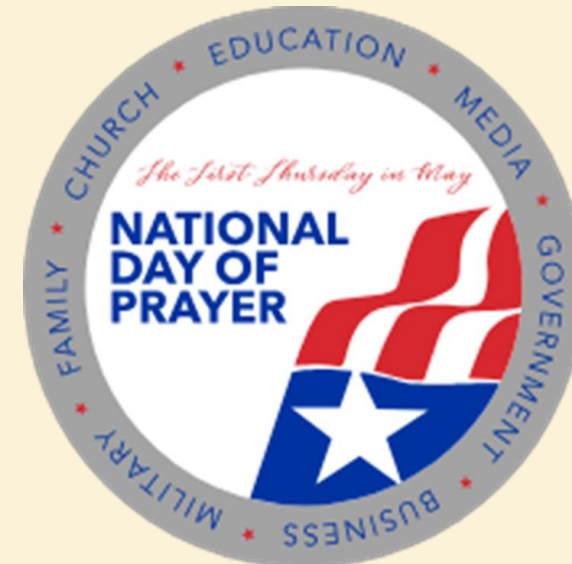
Presidents Eisenhower and Reagan, on their inauguration day, quoted this scripture: ***If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, turn and pray, and confess their sin, then I will hear from heaven above and I will HEAL their land.***
--2 Chronicles 7:14



- Government – Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom.
- Military – Perseverance to endure hardship, wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command, protection and support for the families they have left behind.

HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA

BY PRAYING INTO 7 CENTERS OF INFLUENCE IN OUR NATION





- Media – The decision makers within the media to realize they can make a profit by producing uplifting projects, Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public.



Media – Pray for honest journalism.

Just as recently as February 13, 2025, 70 Christians were found beheaded in a church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We don't see any of the major news publications in the United States or Western media reporting on this. Why?

According to groups that track Christian persecution, more than 13 Christians are killed each day for their faith. And nearly 300,000 Christians are forced to flee their homes to escape persecution each year.

We pray for our
persecuted brothers and sisters
in Christ.

- Business – Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost, Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers.
- Education – A safe atmosphere conducive to learning, excellent educators, equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential.





- Family – Unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others and establish healthy relationships between parents and children.
- Church – The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ; unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world; integrity, that God's people look and act differently from the world.



WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT VALLEY FORGE

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine author of our blessed religion, and without humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

--President George Washington

Historical Summary

- **1775** – The first Continental Congress called for a *National Day of Prayer* (NDP).
- **1863** – Abraham Lincoln called for such a day.
- **1928** – **Margaret Franklin** took **200 Daughters of the King** to the White House to meet with **President Calvin Coolidge**.
 - + They prayed for him, the nation, and the world. They asked that he mark on the national calendar, a *National Day of Prayer*.
He considered it, but did not do it.
- **1952** – Congress established NDP as an annual event by a joint resolution, signed into law by President Truman.
- **1988** – The law was amended and signed by President Reagan, designating the NDP as the first Thursday in May.





**Daughters of
the King
meet with
President
Coolidge in
October 1928
at the White
House**

Excerpts from the Address of President Coolidge before the
General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Washington, D.C.
October 10, 1928



This general convention of the Episcopal Church, which is held once in three years, represents organized religious life and missionary effort in every part of the globe.

While it is well for us to look abroad and carry to other people a knowledge of our faith, we should not forget that our success in that direction will be largely measured by what we do at home. The light which we shed for others will depend upon the intensity of the flame which we create for ourselves.

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The forces of evil are constantly manifest and their opportunities for activity enlarge with the increasing complexities of our modern modes of life.

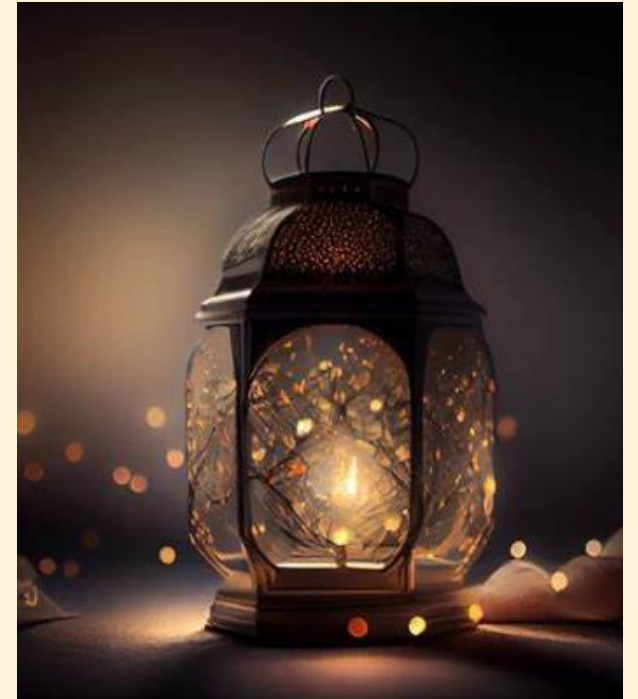
We cannot remind ourselves too often that our right to be free, the support of our principles of justice, our obligations to each other in our domestic affairs, and our duty to humanity abroad, the confidence in each other necessary to support our social and economic relations, and finally the fabric of our Government itself, all rest on religion. Its importance cannot be stressed too often or emphasized too much.

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If the bonds of our religious convictions become loosened, the guaranties which have been erected for the protection of life and liberty and all the vast body of rights that lie between are gone.

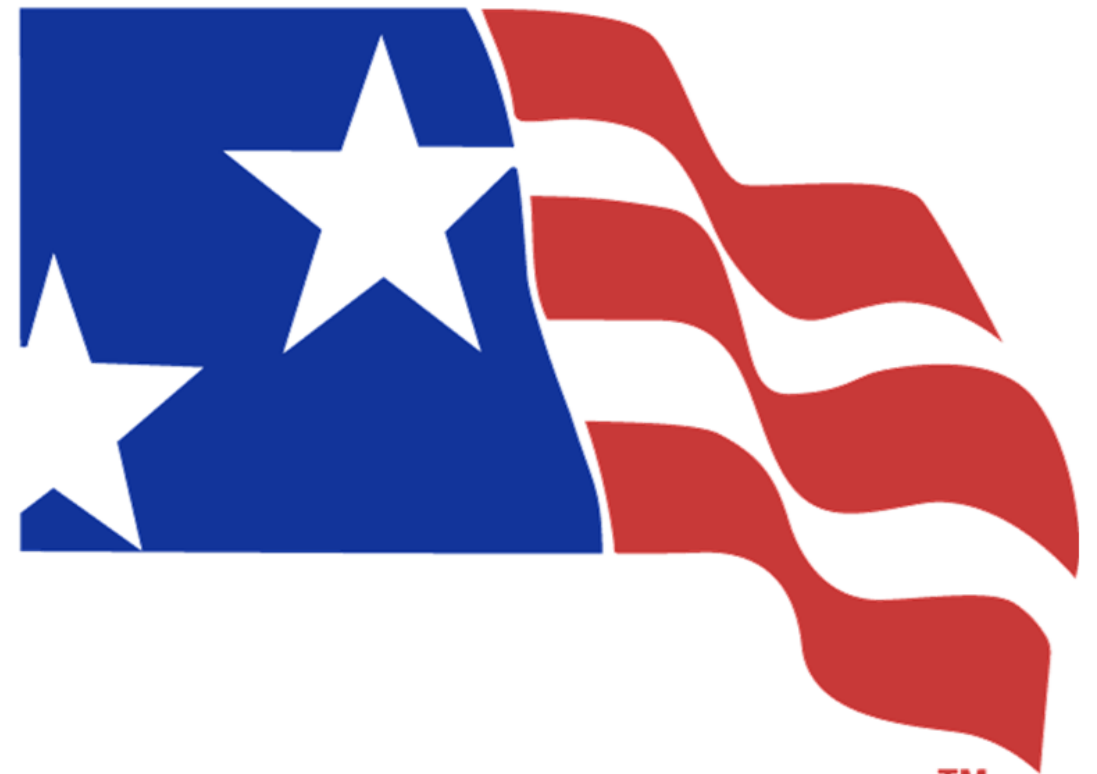
The debt which this country owes to the men and women down through the ages who have been teaching and are teaching today the cause of righteousness is beyond all estimation. So long as the great body of our people continue to be inspired by their example, and to be faithful to their precepts, our institutions will remain secure and our civilization will continue in its increase of material and spiritual welfare.



**Daughters of the King, let us engage in prayer services, Zoom meetings,
or follow whatever guidance the Lord provides.**

**Remember to PRAY for our community, the nation, and for the world to turn to
Jesus, to acknowledge their sins, and accept HIS healing power!**

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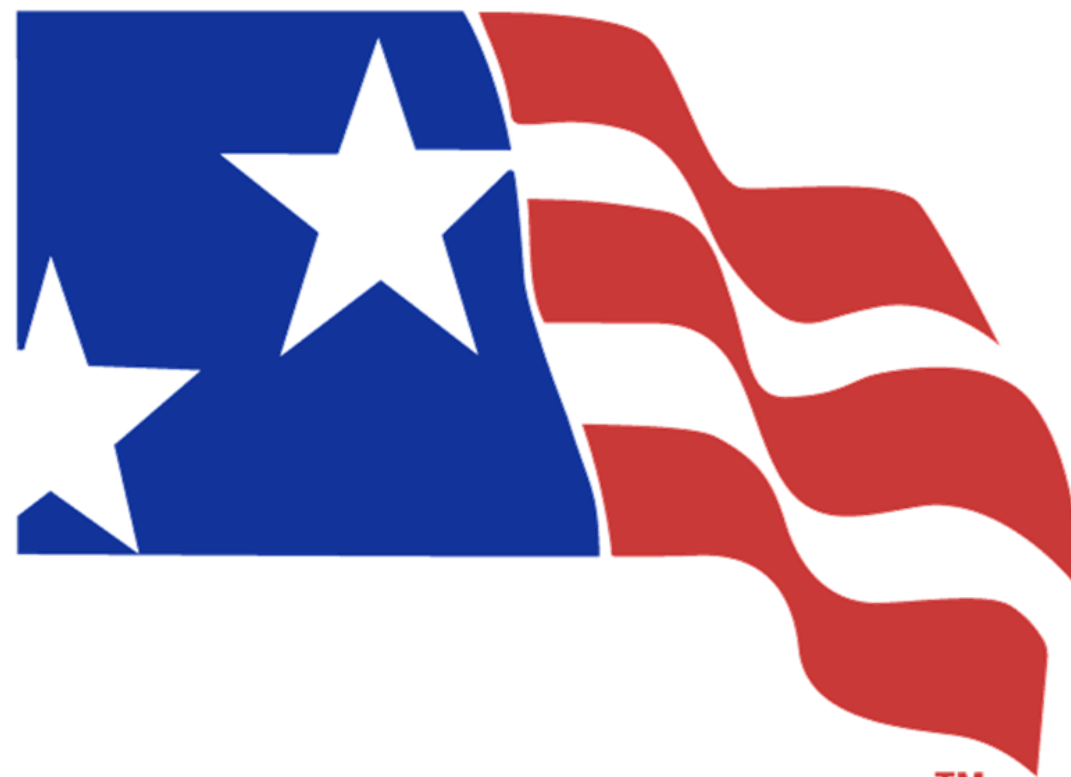
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What will ***YOU DO***
in your community?



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