

# Why we Pray

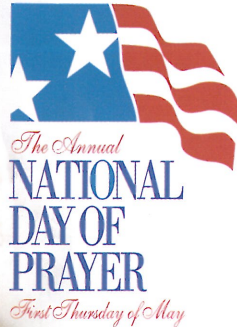
## Our mission

The National Day of Prayer Task Force is the Judeo-Christian expression of the National Day of Prayer. Our mission is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family.

## Why We Pray

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

Join thousands around the nation in this campaign to reclaim our country through prayer. Through the Adopt a Leader campaign, you can encourage and pray for a leader of your choosing.



## Pray

for the nation every time God brings it to your mind. You may also consider gathering a small group of friends, coworkers or church members and joining with millions praying every Thursday from noon until 12:30 p.m.

## Visit

[www.adoptaleader.com](http://www.adoptaleader.com) to adopt your leader. His or her name will then appear on a national listing of adopted leaders and you will be able to pray in community for other leaders, and requested prayers specific to your state.

## Pray

for Election Day! campaign is an effort to remind people of faith of the importance of praying for those in leadership. We are asking people to fast and pray for our nation's leaders.

# Pray for our Nation



Mrs. Shirley Dobson becomes Chairman of NDP Task Force

President Reagan signs into law the designation of the First Thursday in May as the annual observance for the National Day of Prayer.

Vonette Bright & NPC begin lobbying President Reagan and Congress to set aside a designated day for national prayer.

The National Day of Prayer Task Force was established May 1983. The first National Day of Prayer Observance was held in Constitution Hall.

U.S. Supreme Court upholds National Motto "In God We Trust"

Pres. Eisenhower signs a law adding "Under God" to paper money, national buildings, government offices and monuments

President Lincoln declares a National Day of Prayer and Fasting

First National Call to Fasting & Prayer - called for by Continental Congress

[www.NationalDayofPrayer.org](http://www.NationalDayofPrayer.org)

National Day Of Prayer  
The First Thursday of May





## GOVERNMENT

Pray for our leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.

*I Kings 3:28; I Timothy 2:1-2; Exodus 18:21; Proverbs 11:3; Romans 13:1-2*

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Consider praying for your:

- President
- Vice President
- Cabinet Members
- Congressional Leaders
- Supreme Court Justices

## STATE GOVERNMENT

Consider praying for your:

- Governor
- Executive leaders
- Legislative leaders
- Judicial leaders

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Consider praying for your:

- Mayor
- Police chief
- Fire chief
- Judges
- County officials
- Pastors
- Leaders of education

## MILITARY

*"He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them...and encouraged them with these words: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles...'" (2 Chronicles 32:6-8)*

- Courage and dependence on God (Psalm 91)
- Perseverance to endure hardship (Isaiah 43:2; Deuteronomy 31:6)
- Divine protection from the enemy (Romans 5:1-5)
- Wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command (Romans 13:1)
- Confidence and vision to persist in the face of negative publicity (Psalm 18: 31-39)
- Protection and support for the families they have left behind (Romans 1: 8-10)
- Chaplains who are divinely appointed to deliver hope and spiritual strength (Proverbs 4:11)

TO VIEW A LIST OF OFFICIALS' NAMES, VISIT

[www.NationalDayofPrayer.org](http://www.NationalDayofPrayer.org)

## MEDIA

*"...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)*

- The decision makers within the media to realize they can make profit by producing family-friendly projects (Proverbs 8:10-11)
- Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public (Proverbs 2:1-15)
- Celebrities to be provided with repeated opportunities to hear and receive salvation (Proverbs 8:35)

## BUSINESS

*"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working..." (Exodus 31:3-4)*

- Integrity among Christian workers so that they win the right to be heard (1 Chronicles 29:17)
- Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost (Psalm 132:15)
- Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers (Philippians 2:3)

## EDUCATION

*"and 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. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:3-6)*

- A return to truth and Judeo-Christian ethics (Psalm 1:1-2)
- A safe atmosphere conducive to learning
- Excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21)
- Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential (Philippians 1:9)

**"I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life..."**

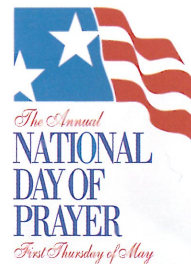
*1 Timothy 2:1-2*

**"It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God.  
President George Washington  
1789"**

## CHURCH

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:6-8)*

- The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt 22:37)
- Unity with and among churches that reveals God's love to the world (John 17:23)
- A return to the absolutes of God's Word (Psalm 1:1-3)
- Integrity—that God's people look and act differently than the world (1 Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)



**"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."**

*President Ronald Reagan*

- A holy fear of the Lord released in the heart of God's people (Proverbs 9:10)

## FAMILY

*"If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25)*

- Unity and love in individual family units that reaches out in hospitality toward others (Romans 12:9-13)
- The re-establishment of relationships between parents and children (Malachi 4:5-6)
- A return to family values that serve the nation as a whole (Job 22:21-22)
- A return to the biblical mandate to train their children at home in the fear of the Lord and not leave the responsibility to others (Proverbs 22:6)