

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 2025

The National Day of Prayer, created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, encourages people of all faiths to pray for our country on the first Thursday in May. The body of Christ comes together on this special day to pour out prayers for the United States of America. On May 1, together let us seek the God of hope, the Lord God Almighty, for the needs of this nation for "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1 NIV)

2025 Theme: POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED

Scriptural Inspiration: **Romans 15:13 – Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NASB)**

Please be in prayer for these Seven Centers of Influence in our nation:

- **FAMILY**

+ Proverbs 1:8-9 - *Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. (ESV)*
+ 1 Peter 4:8 – *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. (ESV)*

Prayer Point: Please pray for families to be filled with a living hope in Jesus, our Shepherd, God's wisdom founded on His Word, His presence among us, and the Spirit's life, love, and peace to be within us.

- **CHURCH**

+ Romans 12:4-5 – *For just as we have many parts in one body, and not all parts have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and all are parts of one another. (MEV)*
+ Ephesians 4:1-6 – *(Paul addresses the saints in Ephesus) As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (NIV)*

Prayer Point: Please pray for churches to be filled with unity in the Spirit, faith, patience, and steadfast hope, believing that God fulfills His promises and is faithful in all things.

- **BUSINESS**

+ Proverbs 16:3 – *Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established. (NASB)*

+ Colossians 3:17 – *And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (NKJV)*

Prayer Point: Please pray for workplaces to be founded in love and service, hope in the Lord, reverence for God, adequate provision, and the acknowledgement that work can be an act of worship glorifying to God.

- **EDUCATION**

+ Proverbs 22:6 – *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. (NKJV)*

+ Psalms 25:5 – *Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. (ESV)*

Prayer Point: Please pray for educators and students to be filled with wisdom and endurance, trusting in God and His Word, growing always in the knowledge that God is their life, light, help and hope.

- **MILITARY**

+ Isaiah 26:12 – *Lord, You establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished You have done for us. (NIV)*

+ Joshua 1:9 – *Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't be afraid, because the Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go. (NCV)*

Prayer Point: Please pray for service members and their families to be filled with courage, salvation, and victory, trusting in God's strength and unfailing love to lead and protect them.

- **GOVERNMENT**

+ Exodus 18:21 – *Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. (ESV)*

+ 1 Timothy 2:1-2 – *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. (NKJV)*

Prayer Point: Please pray for our leaders to be filled with repentance, integrity, compassion, and justice, seeking God's guidance to serve others with humility and stewardship.

- **ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT and MEDIA**

+James 1:17 – Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (NKJV)

+Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (NASB)

Prayer Point: Please pray for the arts, entertainment, and media industries to be filled with creativity, truth, and worship, using their talents to glorify God and share His beauty and greatness in every expression.

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