

National Day of Prayer is celebrated annually on the first Thursday in May. Through the National Day of Prayer people are encouraged to turn to God in prayer and meditation. As we pray for our nation with hope, we are encouraged knowing God is ultimately in control. This year's theme is **LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY** based on 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We invite you to join us for a day of prayer for our nation on *Thursday, May 6th*. Throughout the day, use the following prayer prompts to guide you as you pray.

### **GOVERNMENT**

Pray for our local, state, and national leaders asking God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and hearts that are open to God's leading. Make your prayers more personal by getting to know who your elected representatives are. Pray for them, as well as their spouses and children, by name, just as you would for your own friends and family.

## **CHURCH**

Pray for the churches and church leaders throughout our nation and in your community. Ask God to preserve and protect them as God inspires and empowers them to equip God's Saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the Church, and for the spreading of the Gospel.

## **MILITARY**

Pray for our military and its leaders. Pray for God to grant courage, protection, and strength for our own service men and women and their families as they serve our country. If you have a military base nearby, find out who the commanders and chaplains are and pray specifically for them.

#### **FAMILY**

Pray for families in our nation, in your state, and throughout your community. Pray with passion for the Lord to protect and to strengthen marriages, encourage parents, heal relationships, and secure God's values in their homes.

#### **EDUCATION**

Pray for God's presence in our schools, colleges, and universities. Ask God to select teachers and administrators who honor God's statutes, protect our children, and inspire them to discover their God-given calling. Take the time to learn who the teachers, administrators, and district leaders are in your area, then pray for them.

#### **MEDIA**

Pray for Christian influence in the media industry, from movies, television, and radio stations to newspaper and magazine publishers. Ask the Lord to provide godly women and men to work in the media throughout the nation, your state, and in every city.

### **BUSINESS**

Pray for divine intervention in our national, state and local economies. Ask that God raise up godly business leaders who create industry and provide honest employment and generous provision for individuals and families in each community. Perhaps obtain a list of business owners or corporate leaders in your area, and pray for them by name.

# **GOD'S PROMISE**

God is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

As we humbly and diligently seek God, we'll be changed, and we'll see transformation in America through prayer!