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LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

National Day of Prayer Service

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Americans from all walks of life will gather today to lift up our country for the National Day of Prayer. Our nation has endured a year marked by tragedy and pain, but we know prayer has carried us through these days and the hand of God will move us into a brighter future. Rev. Billy Graham stood on the capitol steps in February of 1952 and called for congress and the president to establish a day of prayer. By April of that year, President Truman signed the legislation into public law. For over seven decades, the efforts of the National Day of Prayer Task Force have mobilized Americans to observe the National Day of Prayer in all 50 states and in U.S. territories to pray for those who lead and those in need in our nation.

PRELUDE

WELCOME.....*Rev. Aaron Deutsch*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.....*Mankato Riverblenders*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag
and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands.
One brotherhood, uniting all mankind, in service and love.

READINGS

¹First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (*1 Timothy 2:1-4*)

¹⁴If my people who are called by my name 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 heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. ¹⁶For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time. (*2 Chronicles 7:14-16*)

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. (*Isaiah 2:4-5*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.

C: Great God, renew this nation.

L: Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.

C: Great God, renew this nation.

L: Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

C: Great God, renew this nation.

L: Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

C: Great God, renew this nation.

L: Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

C: Great God, renew this nation.

L: Great God, eternal Lord...

C: show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you wholeheartedly, as your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2024 PRAYER FOR THE NATION (*see bulletin pamphlet insert*)

SONG: What a Wonderful World.....*Mankato Riverblenders*

PETITION AND HYMN FOR GOVERNMENT

²⁸And all Israel heard the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of him, because they perceived the wisdom of God was in him to do justice. (1 Kings 3:28)

HYMN: GOD OF OUR FATHERS

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

PETITION AND HYMN FOR MILITARY

⁶Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

HYMN: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
God's truth is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

PETITION AND HYMN FOR MEDIA

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

HYMN: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Children of the heave'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever,
For to them his grace revealing, he turns sorrow into healing.

PETITION AND HYMN FOR BUSINESS

¹⁵I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. (Psalm 132:15)

HYMN: MY COUNTRY, TIS OF THEE

My country, tis' of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of Liberty, To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

PETITION AND HYMN FOR EDUCATION

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1:1-2)

HYMN: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law.

PETITION AND HYMN FOR CHURCH

¹⁰*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Proverbs 9:10)*

HYMN: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died

Tho' with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the mourn of song.

PETITION AND HYMN FOR FAMILY

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

HYMN: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how,
by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

SONG: In That Great Gettin' Up Morning.....*Mankato Riverblenders*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: THANKS BE TO YOU, O GOD

(Tune: Eternal Father, Strong to Save)

Thanks be to you, O God above,
with whom we live in trust and love,
for guidance through the stormy years
of growth and discord, wars and fears.

Our joyful voices now we raise
in grateful songs of thankful praise.

Teach us to trust your providence
as future centuries commence;
with humble, contrite heart and mind
your ways to know, your will to find.

Forgive what we have failed to do;
help us apply our faith anew.

In this atomic age of space
as nations strive for power and place,
grant wisdom to our leaders, Lord;
may they be guided by thy word.

Your righteous will is our desire;
help us to feed that holy fire.

Grant that the persons we shall choose
to govern us, shall not abuse
the privilege of power we give,
but honorably before us live.

So may we serve that all may view
in us the image, Lord, of you.

POSTLUDE