

Prominent Faith Leaders Unite to Celebrate National Day of Prayer

Millions of Americans marked the National Day of Prayer today, May 4. This year's theme verse is taken from the second part of James 5:16 found in the Bible's New Testament.

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much," the verse reads in the Modern English translation.

The National Day of Prayer will be marked by a special 90-minute National Prayer Gathering program that will be televised on Thursday, May 4 at 8:00 pm Eastern on the CBN News Channel, and streamed on the CBN News YouTube channel and the CBN News app.

Kathy Branzell, president of the NDP Task Force, and the Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, senior pastor of the New Season Church in Sacramento, California will co-host the program. Featured guests include Jentezen Franklin, Tony Evans, Robert Morris, Francis Chan, Jack Graham, Lecrae, Nick Hall, the Chaplains of the House and Senate, and many others.

Olympic Gold Medalist and Gospel artist Madeline Manning Mimms, along with Oral Roberts University's worship team will also perform. And the program will be close-captioned in Spanish.

In a statement, Dr. David Jeremiah says about the National Day of Prayer:

"Our world is facing unprecedented uncertainty. Health, finances, politics—every aspect of life seems to be hanging in the balance. Yet there is one source of true hope and healing, and that is Almighty God. He has promised, "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 heal their land."

Please join me, on this National Day of Prayer, in praying for our communities, our nation and our world:

Lord, thank You for the help You provide each day. You are indeed our strength and provider. You have never failed. Indeed, You are a very pleasant help in times of trouble. May your word spread among the nations. May Your plan for history move along its preordained course. Give us leaders who fear You. Give us missions instead of misery; hope instead of despair; food and water where there is hunger and thirst; peace where there is war. Bring healing to the diseased and freedom to the oppressed. May Your Name be exalted from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. Amen."

The National Day of Prayer was created as an annual observance by a congressional joint resolution in 1952 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It is held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation.

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