

59th Annual National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6, 2010 Green Square Park – Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Theme: “Prayer....For Such A Time As This”

“The LORD is good, a refuge in time of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.” (Nahum 1:7)

Along with ‘The Freedom Five’ – Church, Family, Government, Media, and Education.”

Sponsored by The Linn County Association of Evangelicals & Serve The City...

...in cooperation with the National Day of Prayer Task Force

Historical Roots of the National Day of Prayer:

The National Day of Prayer (NDP) was signed into law as an annual event by President Harry S. Truman in 1952. Former President Ronald Reagan signed an amendment to that law in 1988 which established the first Thursday of May each year as being the National Day of Prayer. However, national days of prayer have been called for since 1776 when the Continental Congress mandated time to be set aside for “humiliation, fasting & prayer” in the forming of a new nation.

We, as Christians, are responding to the historic congressional call for a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer. Our appeal today is to all citizens of the United States who believe in Christian prayer. Other religions may have their own response to the congressional call.

Our responsibility: We are serious about loving God and loving others. Part of loving God and others is that we pray to Him and for them. We have members of the media with us today and we welcome them! LCAE has designated 3 individuals that will answer the media’s questions. You may defer to them if approached. Today is not a day for debate but a day for prayer. We are gathered here with one express purpose – to pray for our nation. We are asking you to hold fast to that purpose.

Live music:

Pastor Zach Blickens, River of Life Ministries

Amazing Grace:

Presentation of the Flag (all stand please)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America:

National Anthem:

Melzor Hill, Ellis Park Church Of God

2010 Prayer For America: by 2010 Honorary Chairman Franklin Graham Isie Vigil, River Of Life Ministries

Personal Preparation - Attitude of Humility and Thanksgiving:

Pastor Charles Daugherty, Serve The City

II 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 heal their land.”

Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” God has been good to us!

Abraham Lincoln - Presidential Proclamation April 30, 1863 for a day of humiliation, fasting, & prayer

Available at www.servethecity.org on the events page until Monday.

Reader: Pastor Dick Speight; Come Rest Ministries

Lord, our nation is assailed by foreign enemies and internal fear, hatred, and immorality. These are consequences of our nation’s presumptuous sins including our unfaithfulness as Your Church.

Lord, we have forgotten You, that Your hand has preserved and enriched us.

Pastor Dick Speight

Prayers of repentance as individuals – in silence:

Lord, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the need of Your redeeming and preserving grace.

Pastor Steve Irwin, River Of Life Ministries

Prayers of repentance as individuals – in silence:

Lord, we have been too proud to truly pray, deceiving ourselves that blessings come from our virtue.

Katie Sandquist, Aid To Women

Prayers of repentance as individuals – in silence:

Address by Benjamin Franklin to the Constitutional Convention – 1787

Pastor Charles Daugherty

- Ask God to bring about a day when most government leaders and officials give priority to seeking His counsel!
- We want leaders that admit they do not have all the answers, leaders that rely on God for wisdom and guidance.
- Pray for ourselves that we as believers would make it a priority to pray for them.
- Pray for the fear of the Lord, the wisdom of the Lord, and the love of the Lord to come upon every person in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branch of the Federal Government is more on point.

Executive Branch

Henry Dawson, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist

Legislative Branch

Bernie Hayes, Noelridge Park

Judicial Branch

George Bushlack, Family Of Faith Community

Prayers of repentance as individuals – in silence:

Military:

Pastor Jim Coyle, Neighborhood Church

Chaplain & Mental Health Specialist-Department of Homeland Security

We thank you Lord for the sacrifice they have made for us, for a way of life, for freedom.

Pray for our armed forces in 120 nations around the world. Pray for our Iowa National Guard as they deploy to Afghanistan. Pray for all veterans that they have safety and find any needed spiritual, emotional, or physical healing.

The call by the Continental Congress for a May 17, 1776 “National Day of Humiliation, Prayer, & Fasting

Reader: Pastor Charles Daugherty

Prayer response to the call:

Carl Gonder, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Prayers of repentance as individuals – in silence:

We are thankful for founding fathers who acknowledged that they needed wisdom from God & together gave Him thanks.

Families & Marriages:

Melanie Plumb, Encounter Christian

Ask God to bring a day of healing, reconciliation and restoration to hurting families.

Youth of America:

Randy McCright, New Covenant Bible

Ask God to bring about a day when children can live without fear, walk in hope, & lead future generations to Christ!

Education System:

Pastor Terry Van Wyk, Hus Church

Ask God to bring about a day when our school systems are equipped to nurture well-educated & upright youngsters!

The Church – congregations and ministries of the Church in each region.

Pastor Zach Blickens

That the Church, in all her expressions, would rise up and BE The Church of Jesus Christ – extending grace, mercy, forgiveness and vision.

Our Business Sector – Our Economy:

Pastor Rod Dooley, Oakhill Jackson Community

Ask God for a return to the biblical principles that have blessed the business sector in the past and that the upright behavior of believers in business would so stand out that God would be glorified.

Media:

Pastor Mike Nelson, Cedar Rapids Family Church

Ask God to bring a day when the media present more and more good stories to encourage our culture and has the boldness to embrace uplifting messages that reflect the best of who we can be, not the worst of what we have been.

Closing Prayer of Dedication:

Pastor Tye Male, New Covenant Bible

As we go, what would happen if we prayed five minutes a day for the focus topics we have just prayed for?

Live music as we leave: “Breathe” (We are desperate for God!)

Pastor Zach Blickens, River of Life Ministries

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What’s coming up?

- Global Day Of Prayer – Sunday, May 23rd 400 million in prayer –
- Voices Of Hope – God Honoring Patriotic Concert – Official Freedom Festival Event! June 29th, 30th & July 1st.
- Visit the web page at www.servethecity.org for more information on each event.