

From the Pastor's Pen (Guest Pastor, Glenn Weber)

The 66th Annual National Observance

May 4, 2017

FOR YOUR
GREAT
NAME'S SAKE!

HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!



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Many Christians are unaware that we live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May.

The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals. (Public Law 105-225)

As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-8 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions!

The theme this year is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 4th** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be urging millions of Christians to once again heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective; that our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history. (James 5:16-18)

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this a priority in your personal prayer life. We look forward to seeing God's hand move across our land in exciting ways in response to our petitions!

The Lord promises us 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 pray and diligently seek Him, we will be changed, and we will see God transform America through our prayers.

Serving our Lord Jesus and praying with you,
Pastor Glenn Weber,
Prayer Equipper, Mission Lutheran Church

Significance of the National Day of Prayer

The **National Day of Prayer** has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.