

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



On Thursday, May 4, you have the privilege of praying for our country along with millions of other believers across America on the National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer celebrates our most beloved freedom, which is to humbly come before God in public and seek His guidance. The National Day of Prayer also encourages repentance and righteousness.

The theme for 2017 is "Hear us...Forgive us...Heal us! For the Glory of Your Great Name's Sake." The theme is based on Daniel 9:19 "O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, Hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name." This is a bold rally cry for all followers of Christ to come together to join their hearts and voices to Him. Believers across our nation will be praying for God's will to be done in our great nation.

Franklin Graham encourages believers to pray with the following admonition.

*I believe our nation is in trouble today, probably more than I've seen in my lifetime. We are contending with issues that are causing the very foundation of our country to crumble. Our moral and spiritual roots are eroding, the economy is misleading, family life is disintegrating, and political forces are at unprecedented odds. There seem to be very few leaders who will take a stand for God and for His Word.*

*It can be tempting to believe that America has reached a point of no return. While these factors cause despair, we are reminded in Scripture that with God, nothing is impossible. No problem is too great for Him. Seasons of distress and uncertainty and hardship call for faithful, fervent prayer by God's people and remind us of our responsibility to humble ourselves before Almighty God. We cannot expect healing to come to our nation apart from obedience to God through His Holy Word.*

*God longs for His people to humble themselves and to seek forgiveness and pray for guidance. God's Word says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). The Bible commands that we repent of our sins and turn to Almighty God. And because we are confident that we serve a God of mercy and compassion, we know that He stands ready to respond to our cries out of the abundance of His divine wisdom.*

*It is a crucial time for us to individually and collectively seek God's divine intervention for the challenges facing us. We need to pray not only for our nation, but we need to pray for our leaders, for all those who govern us, that they will turn to God with humble hearts and follow Him. Our military leaders need our prayers as we have dedicated men and women serving on battlefields and sacrificing their blood to protect our nation and many innocent people around the world. God is faithful to bless those who turn to Him.*

*Pray that as a nation we would return to God. As we call on God, let us do so by genuine faith, believing that He hears our prayers. God can heal this great land, for which our forefathers fought and died. We need spiritual renewal, we need a revival*

*In America, and we need each and everyone to pray. Lord, Hear Our Cry!  
-- Franklin Graham*

**"When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"  
Psalms 11:3**

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## **ACTION STEPS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4**

### **PRAY IN THE PGBC SANCTUARY**

The sanctuary will be open 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM for prayer for our nation. Prayer guides will be available.

### **PRAY DOWNTOWN AT NOON**

Join the prayer rally at the Phil MacDonald Governmental Plaza.

### **PRAY INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH FRIENDS**

Go to [http://nationaldayofprayer.org/get\\_involved](http://nationaldayofprayer.org/get_involved) to download prayer guides.

### **PRAY BY NAME**

Pray for President Donald Trump and his Cabinet, Vice President Mike Pence, Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis, your congressman, Governor Roy Cooper, Lieutenant Governor Dan Forrest, your state representatives, the Supreme Court Justices, your school board, and military officers. Pray they value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ. Pray that they would recognize their own inadequacy and would seek the will of God. Pray that they desire honesty and integrity and have the courage to resist manipulation and pressure.