

A Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3, is National Day of Prayer, so proclaimed by President George W. Bush. "A prayerful spirit has always been an important part of our national character, and it is a force that has guided the American people, given us strength, and sustained us in moments of joy and in times of challenge," the president said. "On this National Day of Prayer, we acknowledge God's grace and ask for His continued guidance in the life of our nation."

President Bush pointed out that Americans of many faiths and traditions share a common belief that God hears the prayers of His children and shows grace to those who seek Him. "Following the tragedy at Virginia Tech, in towns all across America, in houses of worship from every faith, Americans have joined together to pray for the lives that were lost and for their families, friends and loved ones. We hold the victims in our hearts and pray for those who suffer and grieve. There is a power in these prayers, and we can find comfort in the grace and guidance of a loving God."

The commander-in-chief also called on our citizens to "pray for the brave members of our Armed Forces and their families. We pray for their safety, for the recovery of the wounded, and the peace we all seek."

As a company based in a Judeo-Christian culture, Life Care Centers of America is fully aware of the blessings of God poured out upon us across the years, and for the miracles that have come our way because of His benevolence, His grace and His mercy. In return, we should continually lift our prayers of praise and adoration to Him for what He has done, and to seek His leadership in our individual and corporate lives. Evangelist Billy Graham said prayer "is spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way relationship in which man should not only talk to God but also listen to Him."

Some suggestions for observing National Day of Prayer in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home on Thursday:

- Ask someone, or several, to offer sentence prayers during standup meeting.
- Plan a prayer time with residents, perhaps at breakfast or lunch or at a specially appointed hour.
- Invite a clergyman to give a brief devotional on prayer and its benefits, and to pray for the center and its work.
- As you plan your own private prayer time, pray for your residents, pray for our company and its leadership, and pray for your fellow associates – in their personal lives as well as their professional pursuits, asking God to give them the peace, the joy and the contentment that comes from serving Him.

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Above all, let us make it a day that honors our Lord.

--Beecher Hunter