

# Day of Prayer 2008

Today is National Day of Prayer, and all across our country, citizens will be gathering in groups or kneeling in privacy to communicate with Jehovah God.

In a proclamation signed by President George W. Bush, the nation's leader said America "trusts in the abiding power of prayer and asks for the wisdom to discern God's will in times of joy and of trial. As we observe this National Day of Prayer, we recognize our dependence on the Almighty, we thank Him for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, and we put our country's future in His hands.

"From our nation's humble beginnings, prayer has guided our leaders and played a vital role in the life and history of the United States. Americans of many different faiths share the profound conviction that God listens to the voice of His children and pours His grace upon those who seek Him in prayer. By surrendering our lives to our loving Father, we learn to serve His eternal purposes, and we are strengthened, refreshed, and ready for all that may come."

This year's theme is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield," taken from Psalm 28:7, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped."

On this day, the President said, "We pray for the safety of our brave men and women in uniform, for their families, and for the comfort and recovery of those who have been wounded." Bush asked Americans "to give thanks, each according to his or her own faith, for the freedoms and blessings we have received and for God's continued guidance, comfort and protection."

Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home have received an outpouring of God's favor. We want to show our gratitude always, and on this day in particular, for His mercy and grace. Some suggestions for observing National Day of Prayer:

- 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.
- 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.

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

--Beecher Hunter