

DAY OF PRAYER 2010



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. And so should we, throughout Life Care Centers of America, for the Lord has called us to our mission, and He grants the grace and the strength to care for His children. The theme this year is *Prayer for Such a Time as This*, and the selection could not be more appropriate for us as individuals and as a nation.

The honorary chairman of National Day of Prayer 2010 is Franklin Graham, president and chief executive officer of Samaritan's Purse – a name familiar to Life Care associates, since we partner with him and his organization in Operation Christmas Child each year. His prayer for the nation includes these words of praise and petition:

"Lord, we are thankful for the abundant blessings You have bestowed on America. Our forefathers looked to You as Protector, Provider and the Promise of hope. But we have wandered far from that firm foundation. May we repent for turning our backs on Your faithfulness. We pray that this great nation will be restored by Your forgiveness. From bondage, You grant freedom. Through Your own sacrifice, You offer salvation. From the state of despair, You offer peace. From the bounties of Heaven, You have blessed – not because of our goodness – but by Your grace.



"You have given us freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth as Your Holy Word instructs. May our lives honor You in word and deed. May our nation acknowledge that all good things come from the Father above.



"President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that our nation should set apart a day for national prayer to confess our sins and transgressions in sorrow, 'yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon... announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

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"We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own... we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us! It behooves us then... to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.'

"Help us to pray earnestly for our president and leaders who govern, that they will shine the light of Your glory in a darkened world. May our prayers as a people and a nation be heard and blessed for such a time as this. We make this plea in faith, believing in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord. Amen."

Since its founding in 1970, prayer has been a foundation stone for Life Care. God's wisdom, guidance and blessings are implored as we face issues that arise, and we praise Him for the successes that He has enabled. Today, then, we encourage associates throughout our company to find the opportunity – before work, at standup meetings, during breaks or lunch hour, or after work – to pray for:

- Our nation, its institutions and leaders, for wisdom that comes from on high.
- Our residents, who are our highest priority, for the best outcomes.
- Our associates, our most important resource, as they interact with our customers, that they may have their own cups of compassion and commitment refilled, and that they may know the peace, joy and contentment that come from being in the center of God's will.
- The families of those we serve, for they need strength, patience, emotional support and understanding of the changes occurring in their loved ones.
- The leadership of Life Care, that we may always follow the path established by God.



Thank you for your prayers, for such a time as this.

– Beecher Hunter