

Wake Up **America**

Today is the 65th annual National Day of Prayer, and it can have profound significance for our country, our company and in our personal lives. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as citizens all across the United States come humbly before His throne.

The theme for 2016 is *Wake Up America*, emphasizing the need for men and women, individually and corporately, to return to God in reverence for His holy name. Highlighting the theme is the chosen verse, Isaiah 58:1: *Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*

Dr. Tony Evans, one of the country's most respected leaders in evangelical circles and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Baptist Fellowship for more than 36 years, is this year's honorary chairman. Here is the national prayer he composed:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You today as a humble people desperate for Your supernatural intervention on behalf of our beloved nation. First, we thank You for all the blessings You have bestowed on our land, blessings that have allowed us to bring so much good and benefit to not only our own citizens but also to the rest of the world. The very ideals upon which this country was founded were based on biblical truths, no matter how some try to rewrite history to deny that very fact today.

This is why our hearts are so broken over how You continue to be marginalized and dismissed by both our people and our institutions. We are also saddened by the fact that Your people have contributed greatly to the spiritual apathy that now engulfs us. Our satisfaction in remaining religious without being fully committed to living out the truths of Your Word has caused us to become co-conspirators with the forces of evil that are destroying us as a society.

It is for this reason that we personally and collectively repent of our carnality and recommit ourselves to becoming visible and verbal disciples of Jesus Christ. Enable us, by Your Spirit, to no longer be secret-agent Christians but rather to publicly declare and live out Your truth in a spirit of love so that You feel welcome in our country once again.

Thank You for Your promise to hear our prayers when we call to You with hearts of repentance and obedience, which is how we are appealing to You today, Father. On behalf of Your church, we affirm afresh the priority You are to us that You would fill every dimension of our lives as we seek to bring You glory through the advancement of Your kingdom in our personal lives, our family lives and in the lives of our churches and our government leaders. We confidently invite heaven's intervention into all the affairs of our nation and we praise You in advance for your answer.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Dr. Evans' prayer will be simultaneously read throughout the nation at noon EDT today. It will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the circumstances facing us. Millions of people will gather to pray at thousands of events.



We encourage associates in Life Care and Century Park to find the opportunity – before work, at standup meetings, during breaks or lunch hour or after work – to pray for our nation and its institutions and leaders, for wisdom that comes from on high; for our residents, our highest priority, for the best outcomes; for our associates, who interact with our customers and deliver their care; and for the leadership of Life Care and Century Park, that we may always follow the path established by God.

– Beecher Hunter