

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Today's world seems filled with anxiety over the economy, and terrorism. It seems like every uncertainty that we can imagine threatens us around every corner. And, the world looks lost as it searches for what to do to restore peace in our lives.

Yet God has already told us what to do when we are in times like these.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the Lord comes to Solomon and says  
“if my people who are called by my name humble themselves,  
pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sins, and heal their land.”

Throughout our history the United States has turned to God in times of trouble. Franklin Roosevelt prayed, “So help us God,” as he told the nation what we were to do the day after the attack at Pearl Harbor. We watched as our representatives sang God bless America right after the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>. And since President Truman signed it into law, the first Thursday in May has been a national day of prayer by executive proclamation, until now, when a federal judge declared that it is unconstitutional for the president to do this. However, she did not say that we could not do this as people of faith; as people who believe in Jesus Christ.

On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM  
at the Hoodland Lutheran Church  
59151 East Highway 26

all the people of God are invited to gather together as we come before the Lord in prayer and supplication for our sins, those of our neighbor, and of our nation, to do what the Lord invited Solomon and the nation of Israel to do to heal their land.

Let us come before the Lord as one, to pray before our common Lord and Savior.