

National Day of Prayer to WHO & WHY ? Lest we forget!

Our nationwide acknowledgement God Almighty through our National Day of Prayer is the greatest collective event our nation could ever experience. It radiates throughout the Bible over and over whether it be done by one person or millions of people. For wherever it is located, it is HOLY GROUND for thanksgiving, praise, and intercession to the CEO of the Universe - our Heavenly Father. It literally changes the course of history. This high yet frail, and finite position He has placed us in is preparing us to reign eternally with Him in His eternal home.

But in the meantime <u>pride</u> is an epidemic dominion over the earth: *"It's my life. No one will tell me what to think, feel, say or do.* Not even God Himself." <u>But serious side effects:</u> Fortunately God can counterattack against that attitude of pride through our daily struggles, trials, roadblocks, sickness, or near death experiences in our own rebellion. Who would even think such a rebellious attitude? We forget so easily we are living on 126.016 billion acres of earth, 32.192 billion acres. 14.976 billionundeveloped, 2.416 billion agriculture, encompassed with 226 million trillion gallons of water. Incomprehensible speck of dust for 8.1 billion people He created from nothing but His spoken Word!

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We think that's huge! He pushed us out full speed nonstop at 67,000 mph to circle our sun 584 million miles around in one year. Yet our sun only 1.3 million times the size of our earth. Yet it is just one of 3.2 trillion planets in our galaxy. Yet our galaxy is just one of 200 billion stars in our 100,000 light year diameter Milky Way. Yet it's also one of two trillion galaxies in the known observable universe. *"Oh my Lord, we fall before you in all of your wonder to worship you in all your majestic magnitude of your Creation and LOVE. Forgive us for 'Xing' you out of our daily schedules!"*

AS MICROSCOPIC AS WE MAY ALL FEEL TO ALMIGHTY GOD, HE HAS OPEN EARS TO OUR PRAYERS!

God's countywide movement comes through righteous prayers warriors and leadership.



LEST WE FORGET, OUR AMERICAN FREEDOM OF LIBERTY PURPOSE: For the Holy Spirit to drive us faithfully united together in prayer.

North Korea

The violence score increased even more this year as <u>North Korea</u> re-established its hold on No. 1. Several groups of Christians were arrested and brought to labor camps. There is an even greater emphasis on ideological purity and any perceived or real outside threat is viciously purged. China also stepped up its efforts to arrest and repatriate North Koreans, all of whom are regarded as illegal immigrants.

Yemen

Yemen moved up to third place on the World Watch List due to an increase in anti-Christian violence. Pressure on Christians also remained at the maximum. Within the context of civil war, Iran-backed Houthi rebels expanded their power, making more of the country increasingly dangerous for Christians. Coupled with further Islamic radicalization, this meant even secret house churches could no longer meet safely.

Kyrgyzstan

One of only two newcomers to this year's top 50, <u>Kyrgyzstan</u> had the highest score increase on the list, making its first appearance since 2013. There was a sharp increase in violence against the church, many registered churches and Christian institutions were forced to close, and pressure on Christians increased in almost all spheres of life.

Civil wars and insurrection

Violent chaos continues to be a cover for persecution. In countries like Myanmar, Yemen and Sudan, civil wars have become breeding grounds for targeted attacks against Christians. In other places like CAR, DRC, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, insurrections have Islamist created environments where Christians can be targeted with impunity, and where militants can attack and chase out communities of God's people.

4,476 Christians killed

Though fewer Christians were killed for their faith in <u>Nigeria</u> compared to last year, it remains disproportionately deadly for Christians, with 3,100 paying the ultimate price for their faith. Sadly, more Christians were killed outside Nigeria, many in sub-Saharan Africa countries like <u>DRC</u>, <u>Burkina</u> Faso, <u>Cameroon</u>, <u>Niger</u>.

4,744 Christians detained or imprisoned

Christians continue to be detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned for following Jesus. In India alone, 1,629 Christians were detained without trial and another 547 were sentenced to prison. Believers were incarcerated for their faith in Eritrea, Bangladesh, Iran amongst others.

Worldwide 380 million Christians suffer physically from high levels of persecution, discrimination, and assassinations.

Americans freedom of corporate worship, and prayer suffer spiritually from material distractions, laziness, lukewarm mindset or overcrowded schedules.