

US Military, that the duty that often brings men and women into the “line of fire” may be purposeful, and that families may find peace in the knowledge that their loved ones are defending our freedom

That **Conflicts in the US** may be limited to “peaceable disagreements” and that hostile engagements may be quickly and peacefully resolved without the shedding of blood

That **Conflicts around the world** may disappear as world leaders find “diplomatic solutions” to the political differences that separate us as a world of nations.

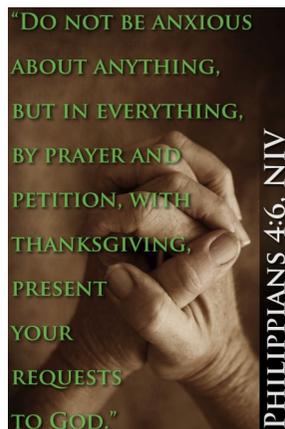
Our Nation:

President Obama, that he will be submissive to **God** so he might be a true servant of the Lord as he leads our nation

Cabinet, that their counsel will provide both encouragement and appropriate reservation for the President as he governs

Congress, that each member will have wisdom to debate proposed statutes in the context of what is truly best for our nation as a whole

The Court System, that every jurist will be blessed with “the wisdom of Solomon” as he or she considers a case



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER,

MAY 1, 2014

The National Day of Prayer is an annual event held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families.



Individuals are asked to set aside time to spend in prayer not only for our nation but for our families and our churches. **Please Pray For the following.**

My Family:

Myself, that I may truly surrender my heart to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, acknowledging the reality of and repenting from my own sin, and offering my whole being to God, through the counsel and leadership of the Holy Spirit

My Spouse, that he or she may share my commitment to Christ, and that together we will pledge our lives to serve Him

My Children, that they will place their lives before the Lord, responding to His call to “follow Me,” and continuously “grow in the grace of the Lord” as they become responsible and engaged participants in the community of mankind

My Grandchildren, that they will be reared by Godly parents, learning to hear God's call upon their lives, and responding to that summons to be dedicated believers and servants of Jesus Christ.

Our Church:

Our Pastoral leaders, that they will be true to their calling to ministry, and be persons who seek and interpret God's unique vision for our congregation

Our Church Support Staff, that they will see their roles as modern-day Levites, serving the Lord by assisting in the conduct of worship, teaching, fellowship, missions, and each ministry undertaken by the church

Our church body, that we may grasp the significance of being "the Body of Christ," willing to offer ourselves in sacrificial service to our fellow-man under the leadership of the Holy Spirit

The Churches of San Jacinto Baptist Association, that each pastor and each congregation will capture a vision of reaching the lost people in our ministry fields with the message of salvation through Christ, and that the collective impact of our common service will glorify God and lead others to turn to Him

The Community:

Law enforcement, that the men and women who "serve and protect" will be safe, strong, and sure in the performance of their duties
Firefighters, that they may be protected as they serve the needs of the community, and that they may be respected and appreciated as public servants

Rescue workers, that they may be swift to reach those in need and wise in the use of skills and resources as they assist people

Our Schools, that in a time when the sanctity of the school building has been under horrific attack, that they may be sheltered and safe, providing a haven for children as they seek to learn

Our School Administrators, that they may see their work as a high-calling from God, and may give themselves fully to the daily challenges of providing resources to teachers to enhance the educational experience for all children

Our Teachers, that the noble cause of preparing children and young people for responsible living in an ever-changing world may be the driving force behind both their preparation to teach and their on-going improvement in their skills

Our State and Local Governments:

Governor Rick Perry, that he will seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in giving leadership to the Executive Branch of our state government

Our State legislators, that they will be persons of integrity in the responsibility afforded them by voters

Your City mayor, that he/she will be a leader guided by biblical principles and administer city government with wisdom, fairness, and equanimity

Your city council members, that the pressures of lobbyists and special interests would not unduly influence them in matters impacting your city

National and World Affairs:

Our North America Missionaries, that the doors for the Gospel may be open as they proclaim Christ and serve men and women

Our International Missionaries, that the privilege of serving God on foreign fields may outweigh the burdens that come from leaving loved ones behind and serving in places of great personal risk