

## National Day of Prayer

May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

As we enter into this year's National Day of Prayer there are some great things to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for: 1<sup>st</sup> The courts overruled the challenge from the "freedom from religion foundation" that wanted the N.D.P. to be declared unconstitutional. 2<sup>nd</sup> The Governor of our blessed state of Indiana is going to sign a bill that would defund "planned parenthood" 3<sup>rd</sup> The war on terrorism has made some advances. 4<sup>th</sup> Some local evidence that the job market is gaining some strength.

There are so many blessings to praise our Lord for but these stand out a little above the rest in many of our minds. Since Jesus has been placed on the Fathers Throne to rule and His job, so to speak, is to bring under subjection all elements and entities that resist Their sovereignty it is good to look at some victories that reflect His Kingdoms successes.

We also know that the Almighty does not desire any to perish while they are still living in their present states of sin and rebellion. The Heavenly Father would rather that they yielded to Jesus' efforts through His Church to redeem them. The Church Universal has much yet to do in participation with Jesus' directive to seek and save those who are yet lost.

With these thoughts in mind the following are some of the underlying concerns that were shared

with us when we asked various leaders in our community what they had a deep concern for that was directly connected to their fields of interest that we could lift up to the Creator for resolution. (It is worth noting that even in the absence of a faith in the creator God, all people, in all walks of life, have needs that are beyond the realm and scope of their abilities to find solutions; these are some of the things we lift up today in prayer on their behalf as well as our own.)

- Some level of peace politically so that all sides of the political arena could come together and work for the common good of the people. (Local, State, Nation and World)
- Godly wisdom in all areas of our Government in the handling of our Local, State, and National tax and budget issues.
- Economic stability at Local, State, National and Global levels. (Job stability and security)
- Budget stability for our local governments so that they are able to accomplish their respective missions and goals for the peace, safety, security and stability of our respective communities.
- Culturally across our nation, whether in the cities, towns, suburbs or rural America; a return to the foundational elements of our society where the family unit thrives and the integrity and morality of our people hold in honor each others rights to live in relative peace and prosperity.

- That our schools would be places of safety.
- That our teachers would excel in lifting our children to the academic and social heights to which they are capable of achieving.
- To invest in our children the courage to reach for greatness and give them the belief that they are capable of accomplishments beyond their dreams.
- That our children would be loved and have security and safety at home, on the streets and in the classroom.
- That the people of this good land of ours would escape the vices and devices of our culture and world. Those things that serve to destroy relationships, friendships, family, trust, integrity, truth, ability, stability, health and freedoms to such a degree that all that is good is plundered trashed and ultimately destroyed.
- That every day we each would find reason to give thanks, to give glory and honor and praise to those who deserve it whether that person is a friend or an enemy, whether that person is a relative or a co-worker, whether that person is stranger or neighbor. Find reason for kindness
- Give the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ what is due Him; praise, glory, honor, and our loving submissive service.
- Praise for victories over terrorism and other evils against humanity and life.