



DAY 7 | May 7, 2020

Scripture

“... pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” — JAMES 5:16

Inspiration

Since before this nation was officially a nation, the call to pray together has been consistent. In July of 1775 the First Continental Congress issued a proclamation recommending “a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer” be observed. That call has gone out for different reasons and at different times in our history, permanently landing on the first Thursday of May. Today is that day, the National Day of Prayer, and **we celebrate the blessing it is to live in a nation where we are both free to pray and where leaders encourage it.** As we do so, we thank God for the privilege of bringing our joys and sorrows, wants and needs to Him. And as a loving Father, he both listens and answers. What a blessing!

Real Blessings

“The **30 Days of Prayer** we did together in April was uplifting and a blessing to us.”

— LAURA MCKAY
Controller

Prayer

GRACIOUS GOD, we are in awe of the fact that you invite us to pray — to come to you to discuss our lives, needs, worries and successes. Thank you for loving us that much! **We are also grateful to live in a place and in a time where we are free to pray, privately and publicly, as we enjoy the blessings and privileges of living in this great nation.** Each day as we come to you, we experience the blessing that is prayer, because it is through prayer that you reveal your plan **for us to** us, and you strengthen our hearts and resolve our minds to live boldly into that plan. We need that strength and encouragement now more than ever. Thank you for this special blessing. **AMEN.**