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COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION FOR  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

"with united hearts..."



The First Day  
All America  
Prayed Together

April 18, 1983

The Hon. Herb Ellingwood  
1120 Vermont Ave. N. W.  
Suite 826  
Washington, D. C. 20005


Dear Mr. Ellingwood:

Mrs. Bright sent me a sample packet of the promotional materials your committee has distributed for the National Day of Prayer and we are indeed grateful for the wonderful effort you are putting forth.

Enclosed is copy of a letter we received from a broadcaster in Taiwan who wants to attend National Day of Prayer ceremonies in Washington, D. C. May 5.

Would it be possible for your committee to send this man an invitation and, in recognition of his commendable interest in travelling that far, to involve him in some of the activities in Washington on that day?

With kindest regards,

  
Claude G. Pike

cc: Mrs. Bright  
Morton Blackwell  
Stewart McLaurin  
John Gimanez

*Dear Morton -  
I thought you would  
be interested in attached  
letter from Taiwan.  
Sincerely  
C. Pike*



## China Christian College

REV. DR. JOHN Y. HWANG  
PRESIDENT

109 ROOSEVELT RD. SEC. 2, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, CHINA  
PHONE: 321-7521, 351-1786

April 11, 1983

Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator  
National Day of Prayer  
(Western Office) Box 203,  
Oregon City, Ore. 97045  
U.S.A.

Dear Rev. Pike:

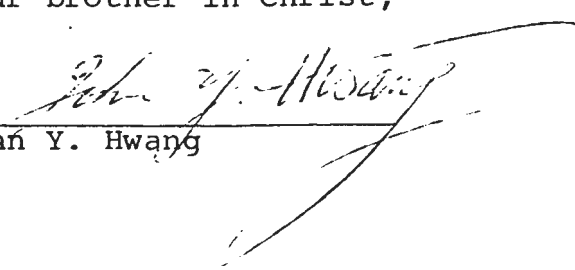
I was invited this year Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 to attend the National Religious Broadcasters Convention held in Washington, D. C. I was also presented a plaque by the NRB Convention for engaging in broadcasting business for 31 years. It was during the NRB Convention that I received the brochure introducing the 1983 National Day of Prayer.

I would like to come and observe the National Day of Prayer, and would like to participate in a National Committee meeting to promote the Day of Prayer in Washington, D. C. I would like to receive more detailed information concerning the National Day of Prayer. Would you kindly send me some?

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

May God bless all your work in 1983!

Your brother in Christ,

  
John Y. Hwang

JH/gc

PREPARE NOW TO OBSERVE  
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS YEAR.

For more information and promotional materials to assist your organization in preparing for observance of the National Day of Prayer, we urge you to contact the National Day of Prayer Committee, Rev. Claude Pike, Coordinator, at the address below:

# Petition to Congress

## TO OBSERVE THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

AS PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas, moral and political conditions indicate that the 1980's may decide our national survival and the future of our traditional American way of life, and,

Whereas, our President, in compliance with a joint resolution of Congress issued in 1952, has set aside a "suitable day" each year as a National Day of Prayer, and

Whereas, Almighty God is our nation's only hope, having promised to deliver us if we truly repent and pray, therefore be it

Resolved: That we hereby petition the Congress of the United States and public officials everywhere, to proclaim and observe the 1st Thursday in May each year as the

### NATIONAL DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

and that all thoughtful citizens be urged on that day to seek from Almighty God, forgiveness for our sins; guidance for our leaders; deliverance from our enemies; and the healing of our land.

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Street (print) \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: 2 Waverly Place, S.F. CA. Zip 94108 Ph. 415-433-4880

# NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN

Please return to: Rev. Claude Pike, Coordinator, National Prayer Committee (Western Office) Box 203, Oregon City, Ore. 97045

Taiwan Address: 4F., 109 Roosevelt Rd. Sec. 2  
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

ph. 391-7444, 391-7555

## REPLY FORM

- I plan to bring others and observe the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C.
- While in Washington, I would like to participate in a National Committee meeting to promote the Day of Prayer.

I cannot come to Washington but will join with others in my local community to observe this sacred day.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed as my contribution for the expense of the National Prayer Campaign.

My name and address is on the Prayer Petition to Congress (reverse side) urging all of our officials everywhere to observe President Reagan's National Day of Prayer.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**



Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

“with united hearts...”



The First Day  
All America  
Prayed Together

June 21, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Your timely packet concerning the litigation against President Reagan on the Year of the Bible is especially appreciated, as it will help in the preparation of a documentary on National Prayer which we hope to publish early in 1984.

I enclose copies of publicity concerning a similar attack by the ACLU in Portland, Oregon against the Mayor of the city opposing his proclamation of National Day of Prayer observances in City Hall recently. Fortunately, this opposition by the ACLU simply served to advertise the President's proclamation and resulted in nearly 1,000 persons attending the Mayor's ceremony, whereas only a few had been invited to his office for the prayer ceremony previously scheduled.

Any further interesting sidelights or background information on the subject of National Prayer in general or the Day of Prayer specifically which would serve as research material in the compilation of this documentary would be most greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Rev. Claude G. Pike

CGP:nj  
Enclosures



Staff photo by DALE SWANSON

**PRAYER DAY** — Hundreds of people pray in Portland's Terry Schunk Plaza Thursday to mark City Day of Prayer. The observance originally was sched-

uled in City Council chambers in City Hall, but a court ruling Wednesday barred the event from being held in the government building.

## Portlanders observe City Day of Prayer

By CAROL RUBENSTEIN  
of The Oregonian staff

More than 600 people gathered Thursday in Terry Schunk Plaza to observe a City Day of Prayer.

"We may have been prohibited from the place of prayer, but no one can prohibit us from praying," said the Rev. Randy Roth, who drew a standing ovation from the crowd.

The observance, proclaimed by Mayor Frank Ivancie in conjunction with President Reagan's declaration of May 5 as a National Day of Prayer, originally was scheduled to be held in City Council chambers.

Roth and other participating clergy arranged to move the observance to the park across the street after Multnomah County Circuit Judge Richard Unis ruled Wednesday that the mayor's sponsorship and promotion of the ceremony in council chambers at city expense violated guarantees of church-state separation in both federal and state constitutions.

Unis issued an injunction prohibiting the City Hall observance at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Ivancie told the group that calls and letters sent to his office and a television poll on the prayer-day issue indicated "overwhelming support for prayer by the citizens of this city — in a public building, even."

**'We may have been prohibited from the place of prayer, but no one can prohibit us from praying'**

— The Rev. Randy Roth

Ivancie said that prayer is similar to the petitions public officials deal with every day. "Prayer is nothing more than a petition to God," he said. "So if we can petition our civil government, we should be able in a free society to petition our God for help and assistance. Heaven knows, we need it."

He said he was not afraid of the controversy involved in proclaiming a day of prayer.

The ACLU had not contested Ivancie's right to proclaim a day of prayer but rather his sponsorship of a religious

observance in a public building at public expense.

Roth, pastor of West Hills Covenant Church and president of the Greater Portland Association of Evangelicals, said the Thursday observance could be

the beginning of a "great prayer movement that will sweep across our city, restoring faith, morality, justice and peace throughout our community."

The hourlong observance, which began at 11 a.m. and drew increasing numbers of people as the noon hour approached, featured a brief prayer service by several clergy as well as comments by Ivancie, Roth, Multnomah County Commissioner Gordon Shadburne and KOIN-TV news anchorman Mike Donahue.

Participating clergy included the

Rev. John Jackson of Mount Oliver Baptist Church; the Most Rev. Kenneth Steiner, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland; Rabbi Yonah Geller of Congregation Shaarai Torah; the Rev. Frank Shields of Sunnyside Methodist Church; and the Rev. Joe Aldrich, president of Multnomah School of the Bible.

Also participating were the Rev. Alan Hamilton, pastor of Portland Four-square Gospel Church; and the Rt. Rev. Matthew Bigliardi, Episcopal bishop of Western Oregon.

The Rev. Rodney Page, executive director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, originally had been on the program but declined to participate because, he said, the program was essentially "pan-Christian" and did not include representatives of Buddhist, Muslim and other faiths.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners also proclaimed May 5 as the Multnomah County Day of Prayer on a 4-1 vote Thursday.

Commissioner Caroline Miller voted "no," explaining that she didn't consider it an appropriate measure for the board.

### Schoolchildren offer prayers

SALEM (UPI) — Hundreds of schoolchildren and others gathered on the Capitol steps in Salem Thursday to offer prayers for elected officials from the president to city councilors.

A spokesman for the group said the gathering was part of national, state and local Prayer Day activities throughout the country.

# NATIONAL CITY DAY OF PRAYER

## Proclaimed by the President

of the United States of America, and the Mayor of Portland.

"Now, therefore, I Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 1983, National Day of Prayer. I call upon every citizen of this great Nation to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity of the hearts of all mankind..."

President Ronald Reagan

## "On Thursday, May 5, 1983,

I will proclaim 'City Day of Prayer' in the Portland, in conjunction

with president Reagan's National Day of Prayer proclamation. It is a day that reminds us how crucial prayer is to the wellbeing of our nation, our city, our neighborhoods and our homes.

Although the National Day of Prayer is but one day of the year, I hope and believe that it will help instill greater faith for all Portlanders every day of their lives."

Mayor Frank Ivancie

**You can** make a significant contribution to our city, state and nation at a moment of history when we desperately need it.

☑ By praying for 5 minutes at 12 noon on Thursday, May 5

☑ By participating in one of the prayer services listed below.

Call one of the churches listed below for special prayer time.

**Join with** thousands of others across our nation who are praying for the following requests:

1. Pray for our churches everywhere that we may repent of our indifference and lethargy to the moral, spiritual and social needs of men and women.
2. Pray that God's people will see and love this world as God sees it and loves it.
3. Pray for a moral and spiritual awakening in the entire country, acknowledging that we as a nation are spiritually bankrupt and that only God's mercy and forgiveness can save us.

4. Pray for our national and local leaders that they will realize that the only way to exalt a nation is through God's righteousness.
5. Pray for the persecuted and the deprived everywhere.
6. Pray for our homes that God will be allowed to bind the hearts of parents and children together in love.
7. Pray for our schools and teachers that God's truth will be given its place in the lives of our children.
8. Pray for a righteous peace that will enable the Gospel of Christ to be preached world-wide.

P.S. Don't stop praying after May 5.

### NORTH

Inman Free Methodist  
Piedmont Friends Church  
Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church

### NORTHEAST

Laurel Park Bible Church  
First Covenant Church  
Holiday Park Church of God  
Peace Mennonite Church  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Bible Temple  
Temple Baptist  
River Crest Congregational  
Grace Colins Memorial Community Center  
Parkrose Heights Assembly of God  
Grant Park Baptist  
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church  
Central Bible Church  
Englewood Christian Church  
Woodlawn United Methodist  
Maranatha Church

### SOUTHEAST

Bible Outreach Fellowship  
Colonial Heights Presbyterian  
Portland Mennonite Church  
Rockwood Evangelical Methodist  
Lincoln Street United Methodist  
Reedwood Friends Church  
Lynwood Friends Church  
New Life Community Church  
Northwest Christian Center  
Portland Foursquare  
Trinity Community  
Moreland Church of the Nazarene  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran  
Linwood Missionary Alliance  
Milwaukie Covenant  
Open Bible Church  
Trinity Baptist  
Faith Baptist  
Mt. Scott Church of the Nazarene  
Kern Park Christian Church  
Grace Baptist  
Emmanuel Wesleyan

Hinson Memorial  
Milwaukie First Baptist  
Tremont Evangelical Church  
Sunnyside United Methodist  
Neighborhood Assembly of God  
Grace Baptist Church  
Midway Christian Church  
Central Christian Church  
Wichita Evangelical Church

### SOUTHWEST

Burlingame Baptist  
Bethlehem Church  
Glencullen Baptist  
Allen Avenue Baptist  
West Hills Covenant Church  
Tigard Christian Church  
First Baptist Church  
Beaverton Adventist  
Tigard Church of God  
Beaverton Foursquare  
City of Tigard Prayer Group  
Village Baptist Church  
Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
First Assembly of God  
Assembly of God  
Portland State University  
First Baptist  
Southwest Hills Baptist  
Grace Bible Church  
First Christian Church  
Lake Grove Christian Church  
West Hills Christian Church  
First Assembly of God  
Willamette Christian Church  
Somerset West Covenant Church  
Brooks Hills Free Methodist

### OUTLYING AREAS

Oregon City  
Foursquare Gospel Fellowship  
Oregon City Assembly of God  
Sunnyside Community Church  
North Valley Friends Church  
Newberg  
West Chehalis Friends Church  
Gospel Chapel

### Hillsboro

Evergreen Christian Center  
Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene  
Forest Grove Foursquare  
Assembly of God  
Boring/Damascus  
Damascus Assembly of God  
Hillsview Covenant Church  
Gresham  
Faith Foundation Fellowship  
Sandy  
Wood Village Baptist  
Gladstone Assembly of God  
Gresham Baptist  
Tualatin  
Norwood Bible Church  
Tualatin Hills Christian Church  
Tualatin Foursquare Church

### VANCOUVER, WASH.

Crossroads Community Church  
East Vancouver Community Church  
Hazel Dell Evangelical Free

This ad coordinated by Greater Portland Association of Evangelicals (GPAE), 5814 S.W. Gilcrest Court, Portland, Oregon 97221.

#### THE FOLLOWING ARE CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO SHARE IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO PRAYER FOR THE PORTLAND AREA:

Steve Tomala, Inc. Portland Bible College Mount Carmel Baptist Jill & Jennifer Jensen Michael & Susan Donahue David & Joyce Durr	Rowley & Diane Ross Barry & Janet Lynn Morley David Gulgowski Catherine Ann Hoad Francesca & Alexander Havelber Sam & Patricia Crane	Hugh E. Gotsdiner Thomas H. Kay Robinson Evangelical Covenant Church Michael G. Ferguson R.M. Tyner	J.B.K. Properties Management, Inc. Brad Wierwille Covenant Church First Assembly of God Crescent Crossroads for Christ, Inc.	West Hill Covenant Church Oregon Council of Covenant Churches First Assembly of God Mt. & Mrs. L. Johnson	Senar's Outreach Caretta, Inc. Oregonians Confederate League Methodist Church Milwaukie United Methodist	Methodist United Methodist Sunnyside United Methodist Central Hills United Methodist West Hills United Methodist Vernon Hills United Methodist Oak Hills	Stromberg-Bell Bill Stammers Crescental Press Van Mackay Robert Miller Lauri Park Book Chapel	Lee Federswicht Earl Johnson Heather Fowl Equipment Dr. R. Martin Johnson David Dunlap Bob Lof Mary O'Neil Alice Ferguson	John Lundy Margaret Christensen Jerry and Teresa McConney Gordon Sheehy Lee Gray Jan & Fern Evans and many other anonymous donors.
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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL ANY OF THE ABOVE CHURCHES

# THURSDAY MAY 5, 1983





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1982

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DAY  
OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

DATE: February 12, 1982  
LOCATION: Cabinet Room  
TIME: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

I. PURPOSE

To sign a proclamation declaring Thursday, May 6, 1982 as a National Day of Prayer.

II. BACKGROUND

Thirty years ago, a Joint Resolution of Congress requested the President to set aside a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer. Eight Presidents since then have annually proclaimed a Day of Prayer to the nation, resuming a tradition started by the Continental Congress in June of 1775.

In 1981, you restored the historic "first Thursday in May" date, as observed by the Continental Congress, for the National Day of Prayer so religious groups could count on a regular day each year to celebrate. This day is a natural expression of the American tradition of all faiths uniting in prayer and asking for divine guidance.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Writing pool and photo coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:45 a.m. You arrive in Cabinet Room and shake hands with assembled religious leaders.

11:50 a.m. You make brief remarks.

11:55 a.m. Upon conclusion of your remarks, you sign the Proclamation with two pens which you will give to Dr. Smith and Father Hoye.

12:00 p.m. You thank your guests and depart.

Attachment: Participants

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: May 5 - National Day of Prayer

I just had a call from Ed Meese asking me about the National Day of Prayer.

Attached is a letter to the President from Mrs. Bill Bright and Herb Ellingwood. Bill Bright is head of Campus Crusade for Christ, and Herb Ellingwood is a senior Reaganite from California, who is Chairman of the U. S. Merit Systems Protection Board.

Mr. Meese said he would like to expedite a favorable decision on the request that the President serve as Honorary Chairman for the Celebration of Prayer on the evening of Thursday, May 5, at Constitution Hall.

Mr. Meese requested that you take this up with him, Mr. Deaver, and Mr. Baker immediately after Senior Staff meeting. He said he would vigorously support the President's serving as Honorary Chairman.

He was undecided as to whether or not we should strongly recommend that the President attend the event but emphatic that he thought the President should accept the invitation to be Honorary Chairman.

As you may know, the President is already Honorary Chairman of the Committee for observing 1983 as Year of the Bible. This committee was organized by Dr. Bill Bright.

Enclosure



**MAY 5, 1983**  
**NATIONAL**  
**DAY OF**  
**PRAYER**

**Co-chairmen:**  
**Mrs. Bill Bright**  
Chairman,  
National Prayer Committee  
**The Hon. Herbert E. Eblingwood**  
Chairman, U.S. Merit  
Systems Protection Board



**National Day of Prayer Committee**

3030 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 314, Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 522-0800

March 2, 1983

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger  
United States Supreme Court Building  
One First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr. Justice:

The purpose of our letter is respectfully to request that you serve as a member of the Host Committee of what we believe will be most significant single event scheduled in connection with the upcoming National Day of Prayer. The event to which we refer is the "celebration of prayer" on the evening of Thursday, May 5, at Constitution Hall in Washington.

As you know, a few weeks ago President Reagan proclaimed May 5 as a day of prayer throughout America. This year's observance will be the thirty-first consecutive National Day of Prayer since 1952, when Congress acted by joint resolution to instruct the nation's Chief Executive to set aside one such day each year.

In the wake of the President's proclamation, special prayer-related activities are being planned across the country. We have the privilege of serving as co-chairmen of a volunteer committee consisting of persons from various parts of the United States whose ministries lie especially in the area of prayer and who have seen, as you probably have, the difference that prayer can make in lives and circumstances.

This group, known as the National Day of Prayer Committee, is working on setting in motion a number of events related to the May 5 observance. For instance, steps are under way to suggest counterpart proclamations at the state and local levels and to urge churches to ring their bells at noon on May 5 as a way of calling the nation to five minutes of united prayer, either in a formal setting or in a workplace, home, etc. In addition, we expect many state-level and local-level prayer breakfasts and other activities.

In a symbolic sense, however, we plan for the many other National Day of Prayer observances to culminate in the evening's "celebration of prayer" at Constitution Hall. An excellent program is being developed which will be both spiritual and patriotic in tone. Prayer itself will, of course, be a major emphasis. A

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger  
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principal address will be delivered by Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, the distinguished senior pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, and there will be complementary music of appropriate character and high quality. The President and Mrs. Reagan have been asked to be present as honorary chairmen.

We are contacting a small number of well-known and highly respected leaders from the clergy, business, labor, the media, government, and voluntary organizations to ask that they serve as co-hosts for this event. The Host Committee will include, for example, Dr. Richard Halverson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate; Rabbi Joshua Haberman, senior clergyman of the Washington Hebrew Congregation; Mr. Richard Schubert, president of the American Red Cross; and General John Vessey, Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We should be deeply honored if you would consent to serve as a member of that committee.

Your responsibility would be simply to lend the support of your name to the celebration of prayer and, if feasible, to join us at Constitution Hall that evening. More details would be forthcoming to you, of course, as final plans are worked out.


Because of the limited time remaining before May 5 and the need to put invitations into the mail soon, we would be very grateful if you would give consideration to this request at your earliest possible convenience. A representative of the National Day of Prayer Committee will call your office within the next several days to receive your response.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Bill Bright  
Co-chairman



Herbert E. Ellingwood  
Co-chairman



MAY 5, 1983  
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Dear Rabbi Haberman,  
It was good to talk with  
you this morning - 2 am sending  
the letter you would have received  
had I not talked with you first.  
This will give you an idea of  
the request we are making -

We are so delighted that you  
will be one of our Host Committee  
Members. We will keep you informed  
as the program progresses.

Sincerely,  
Beulah Bright





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March 2, 1983

Joshua O. Haberman, D.H.L.  
Senior Rabbi  
Washington Hebrew Congregation  
Massachusetts Avenue and  
Macomb Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20016

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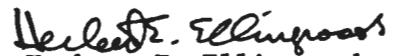
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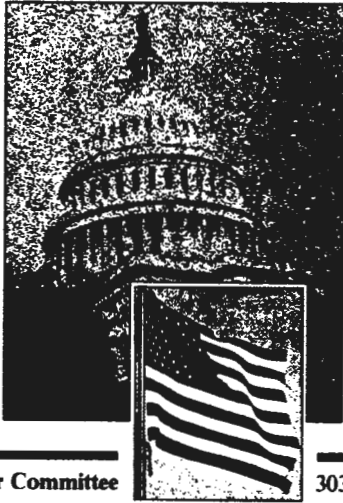
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MAY 5, 1983  
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National Day of Prayer Committee

3030 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 314, Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 522-0800

March 2, 1983

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Washington Post Co.  
1150 - 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20071

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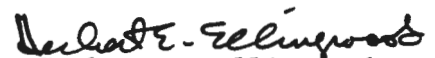
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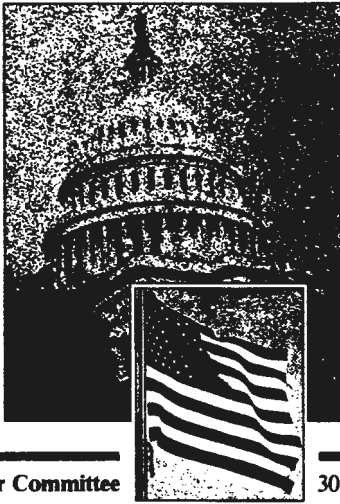
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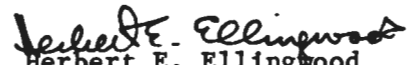
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The White House  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1983

John J. Hinkle  
Christ Church  
635 South Manhattan Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90075

Dear Rev. Hinkle,

Thank you for your letter and the kind offer to help with the National Day of Prayer. I apologize for the delay in responding, but it was only recently forwarded to me for action.

I would be pleased to receive for the President, your plan regarding the National Day of Prayer. I can assure you that it will be treated confidentially.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

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# Christ Church

635 SOUTH MANHATTAN PLACE

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90075

TELEPHONE: 389-4183

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November 3, 1982

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

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Last year I found out about your National Day of Prayer through a friend in Dallas, Texas, just a short time before the designated date. Had it not been for this chance correspondence I would have known nothing about it. I thank God we were able to join with you and pray day and night for our country and our President. However, of all the big churches on Wilshire Boulevard where our church is situated, I was the only Pastor who knew about it. I did not find any media coverage either on radio or in the newspapers. I did my best to alert as many churches as possible but time was short. This year we have time, with your help, to alert all churches and to ask them to join together on the National Day of Prayer.

I have a plan that I believe could be put into action by you to bring all of the churches together to make a truly National Day of Prayer. I know that people in churches want to join together, if they just know it ahead of time. I am sure that this can be accomplished with just a little help from your office. I would be very happy to work with Herb Ellingwood, whom I know and admire very much and who knows me, and thus present the plan to you for your approval.

The President

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November 3, 1982

I would not want my name or the name of my church to be mentioned, for I feel that it is to be done for my God, for my country and my President; that the people might truly come together in prayer and I believe with all my heart that God will hear and answer our prayers.

Thank you so very much for your consideration of this letter. God bless you always in the great work you are doing.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Hinkle".

John J. Hinkle  
Minister

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

SUBJECT: Draft Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

This draft will not be as effective as the Day of Prayer proclamations of 1981 and 1982. Its emphasis is primarily historical rather than reverential.

I have never seen documentation proving that prior to the close of our American Revolution the National Day of Prayer was on the first Thursday in May. This may be so but we should be sure we have documentation of it.

The last sentence of the fourth paragraph is ambiguous in its call to "bring the peoples of the world together". This wording should be changed. The interest from the religious community in the annual National Day of Prayer proclamation is almost entirely from the fundamentalist and evangelical Christian communities. Religious leaders in the "mainline" denominations are not the ones who write and call us concerning the proclamation.

It is the fundamentalists and the evangelicals who make most use of these documents. They are not only theologically conservative; they are politically conservative. They are actively hostile, for instance, to the World Council of Churches. They are intensely skeptical of the U.N. Therefore, a call to bring the peoples of the world together will raise questions in their minds.

The statement is not clear in its meaning. Does it mean to bring all peoples into a reverence for God? Or could it be read to urge an ecumenical amalgamation such as the World Council of Churches? Or is it an endorsement of "world government"? This may sound like a minor criticism but the people who make most use of this annual proclamation are especially sensitive to doctrinal and philosophical nuances.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1983

Mr. Peter Stewart, President  
National Thanksgiving Commission  
P. O. Box 1777  
Dallas, TX 75221

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Bill Nicols has forwarded to me your letter of February 8 regarding the National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

I am enclosing a copy for you. I am sorry we don't have the fifteen you requested. When the group which arranged for the ceremony in Constitution Hall last year decided not to continue with it, Herb Ellingwood and Vonette Bright volunteered to coordinate the activities this year. They are hard at work making it a most meaningful time of prayer for the nation.

These activities are not sponsored by the White House but we have provided them with the copies of the proclamation to get out to their participating committees. If you need further information about the activities planned for May 5, I suggest you contact Mrs. Bill Bright, Campus Crusade for Christ, Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California.

Thanks for your continued interest.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

THANKS  
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February 8, 1983

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING COMMISSION

Dear Bill,

We are grateful for the early signing of the National Day of Prayer Proclamation. It is being mailed out to religious leaders and publications all over the country.

We would like to request fifteen ceremonial copies of this Proclamation for our files and for presentation to leaders who are helping the National Day of Prayer.

Your help has made possible the revival of interest in the National Day of Prayer by people in our country.

Sincerely,

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President

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Mr. William Nicols  
General Counsel  
Office of Management and Budget  
Room 464  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20503

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Box 50444 F St. Sta.  
Washington, D. C. 20004

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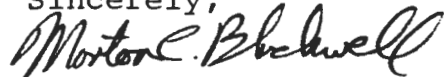
I have your letter of January 25 requesting that we invite six people to a proclamation signing for the National Day of Prayer. As we notified you last week by phone, there will be no signing ceremony for the proclamation this year. The President is signing the proclamation declaring 1983 as Year of the Bible at the conclusion of his remarks to the National Prayer Breakfast on February 3.

As I mentioned to you in our recent telephone conversation, we have had a number of telephone calls and some correspondence from people who had the mistaken impression that you have been designated by the President to coordinate activities regarding the National Day of Prayer. This is, of course, not so.

The President is pleased to know that a number of different organizations at the national level and thousands of religious leaders at the local level undertake appropriate activities relating to the annual National Day of Prayer.

Because of the unfortunate confusion regarding the relationship between your scheduled activities and the White House, I must reiterate the importance of your making it very clear in all future communications relating to the National Day of Prayer that you are acting in your capacity as a religious leader and not as an agent of the White House.

Sincerely,



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Special Assistant to the President  
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# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

“with united hearts...”



The First Day  
All America  
Prayed Together

Morton Blackwell  
The White House

January 25, 1983

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Here are additional names of persons who would appreciate an invitation to a White House ceremony proclaiming National Day of Prayer if it can be arranged:

Phillip Walker, American Festival of Evangelism 703-893-2595

Mary E. Bull, Interfaith Committee for School Prayer, 301-986-0115  
(Birth date: 9-29-11. SS #109-07-3671.

Rev. Thomas L. Munson, 813-442-2522, National Honor and Prayer Fellowship  
Birth date: Mar. 27, '47. SS # 105-40-1690

Canon Geyer, Episcopal Church Synnd, New York, N. Y.

Theodore W. Pike, National Prayer Campaign, SS #542-58-0180,  
Hylda M. Pike, " " "  
(NRB Convention, c/o Washington Sheraton until Feb. 3)

With kindest regards,

Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

NATIONAL PRAYER COMMITTEE  
c/o Sheraton Washington Hotel - Jan. 27-Feb. 4



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Dear Caroline:

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any help you can give in reminding  
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for scheduling the President's  
Proclamation ceremony for the  
National Day of Prayer - I set  
this year - which the National  
Religious Broadcasters Convention  
is being held in Washington.

Best wishes,

C. G. Pike

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
February 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO  
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL  
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
PROCLAMATION

Several of the major religious leaders who attended the Presidential signing of the proclamation for the National Day of Prayer surely left disappointed.

Immediately prior to our bringing in the leaders for the Cabinet Room signing ceremony, Red told me that the "Big Three" had decided that the religious leaders would have to be across the table from the President rather than stand behind him.

This resulted in two problems:

1. It was impossible to shoot photographs which included the entire group with the President. When the photographers shot diagonally across the table, they got the President in the photo with only some of the visiting leaders.
2. Our proposal included a Presidential handshake with each of the religious leaders. The last-minute change in the physical arrangement prohibited this. The President only shook hands with two, the Catholic and Southern Baptist leaders who received the two ceremonial pens.

The President's remarks were fine. He spoke out in favor of voluntary school prayer and expressed his belief in intercessory prayer.

Only twenty two people, it was not a big crowd. It included very major leaders, most of whom are strongly supportive of the President.

If this had been a group of union bosses or black civil rights leaders, I have no doubt that the President would have been allowed to shake the hands of each person present.

Our failure to schedule the long hoped for pro-family coalition meeting last year has caused many of the President's religious friends to believe that someone in the White House regards conservative religious leaders as not vital elements of his coalition or somehow unclean. The ceremony this morning did nothing to dispell that impression.

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824 East Parkway  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11213

Father John Tavlarides  
St. Sophia's Cathedral  
36th & Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
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Mrs. Bobbie James  
Governors Mansion  
1142 S. Perry St.  
Montgomery, Aalabama 36104

Dr. Richard C. Halverson  
Chaplain of the Senate  
Room 220 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Mr. Ed McAteer  
5911 Brierdale Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38119

Mrs. Karen Davis  
Christian Women's National Concern  
Box 1224  
Fort Worth, TX 75202

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