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welcomes you to*

*A Celebration*

*of the*

*1983 National Day of Prayer*

*As proclaimed by*

*The President of the United States*

*At the request of*

*The Senate and the House of Representatives*

*Constitution Hall  
Washington, D.C.  
May 5, 1983*

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found none.

SPECIAL NOTE: FOR THOSE WISHING TO TAKE PART, A TIME OF DIRECTED PRAYER  
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MAY 5, 1983  
**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**

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



*What is  
the  
status  
of Dee  
proposal?  
MB 4/21/83*

National Day of Prayer Committee

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

April 11, 1983

*It HAS  
Been  
Regretted.  
(4/24. 83)  
per Gina Bossy.*

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is a request for the President's participation in the National Day of Prayer. A copy has been given to Ed Meese.

We will appreciate your assisting us in this project.

Sincerely,

Herbert E. Ellingwood

Enclosure

## **Request for a White House ceremony regarding the National Day of Prayer**

Plans are well underway for nationwide activities in connection with the National Day of Prayer -- May 5, 1983. Congress by joint resolution in 1952 requested the President to set aside one day each year for such a national observance. This will be the 31st consecutive year for such an event, although there have been many such national days of prayer in the history of America.

Specific activities have been arranged by private groups, churches, denominations and others independent of the President or Congress. In Washington, D.C. there will be a breakfast at the Mayflower for denominational and other leaders. That evening at Constitution Hall. there will be a major event for the public. (A sample invitation is attached.)

Every governor and the mayor of each city of over 50,000 population has been invited to be a part of this important day.

We would encourage the President and Mrs. Reagan to attend the evening ceremony at Constitution Hall. The Navy Band and other musical groups will perform. Reverend Lloyd Olgivie, Senior Pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, will be the main speaker. It will be an ecumenical service of Catholics, Protestants, Jewish and Greek Orthodox participation.

Equally important would be a midday event in the Rose Garden or the Oval Office. A group of private citizens have joined together, raised the money and have had printed 2000 copies of "the New King James Bible" with the preface written by Ronald Reagan. Attached is the wording. There is no presidential seal nor identification of him as President. 500 of these are for his personal use as gifts, which we can make on his behalf if he so desires. The other 1500 are for other governmental leaders. The publisher has promised not to exploit this for commercial purposes.

We would like to present the President with his copy on May 5. It would be the first event of the Year of the Bible, of which the President is the Honorary Chairman, as well as the media event of the National Day of Prayer. If the event were in the Rose Garden, the 200 denominational and other religious leaders who will be here anyway could be invited. If it were to be in the Oval Office, then Bill Bright -- the National Chairman of the Year of the Bible, Vonette Bright and Herb Ellingwood -- the Co-chairmen of the National Day of Prayer, and the small committee that raised the funds for the printing of the Bible could be the invitees.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the preface done in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in New Testaments distributed to members of the armed forces that was printed and distributed at government expense.

For planning purposes, we need to know as soon as possible what the President's schedule will be. We will be happy to assist in preparing a total proposed program for the White House ceremony and to cooperate with security for the event at Constitution Hall.

*Herbert E. Ellingwood*  
Herbert E. Ellingwood  
Co-Chairman  
National Day of Prayer



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JOHN J. HINKLE  
MINISTER



March 14, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you so very much for your kind answer to my letter concerning the National Day of Prayer. A beautiful woman in your office explained to me that the committee had already been formed and that all was being done that they felt advisable at this time. I am so very happy to hear this and will cooperate with them in any way I can.

I think you will be pleased to see the bumper stickers enclosed. The men of Christ Church have developed these and have spread them widely. If you would like to have any more of them please let me know. If it is at all possible, I would appreciate your showing one to the President to let him know that we are backing him one hundred percent.

Thank you again and God bless you always.

In Christ's Name

*John J. Hinkle*

Minister

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

THE WHITE HOUSE

April 15, 1983

WASHINGTON

TO: FRED RYAN, DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL  
APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

REQUEST: To attend an ecumenical gathering led by religious leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Greek Orthodox faiths in recognition of the National Day of Prayer and to accept a commemorative Bible in honor of the National Year of the Bible.

PURPOSE: To recognize the National Day of Prayer which President Reagan proclaimed and to highlight his support for the School Prayer Amendment.

BACKGROUND: Thursday, May 5 will be the country's 31st consecutive National Day of Prayer. Observances of this day date back to 1775 and have been declared from time to time since. In 1952, Congress established a National Day of Prayer to be held on an annual basis. It has been requested that the President be Honorary Chairman.

The gathering on the evening of May 5 will be the culmination of events being held across the country in honor of the day. American churches, synagogues, and public buildings are being asked to ring their bells at noon on May 5 in recognition of the day and all citizens are being encouraged to "Take 5 at 12" (five minutes of prayer at noon.)

The gathering will be a combination of scripture readings, prayer, and music led by religious leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, Greek Orthodox, and Jewish faiths, as well as such notables as Pat Boone and Efrem Zimbalist, Jr.

During this event, a new King James Bible will be presented to the President in honor of the Year of the Bible, which the President is Honorary Chairman. 2,000 copies have been printed of this limited edition. The President has written the preface. A group of private citizens raised the money for this Bible and the publisher has promised not to use it for commercial purposes. 500 copies will be made available to the President for his own personal use and the remainder will be given to other governmental leaders.

DATE: May 5 DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Constitution Hall

PARTICIPANTS: 3,000 people

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President accepts Bible, makes brief remarks,  
offers a prayer, and then departs.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief Remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open Press

RECOMMENDED BY: Dee Jepsen  
Morton Blackwell

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICERS: Dee Jepsen  
Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

APRIL 13, 1983

FAITH WHITTLESEY

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR *JWR*  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Honorary Chairman - "celebration of prayer"  
(event scheduled in connection with National Day of Prayer)

DATE: May 5, 1983

LOCATION: Constitution Hall - Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND: See attached

*Martinez & Lee  
urge that the President  
do this 4/8*

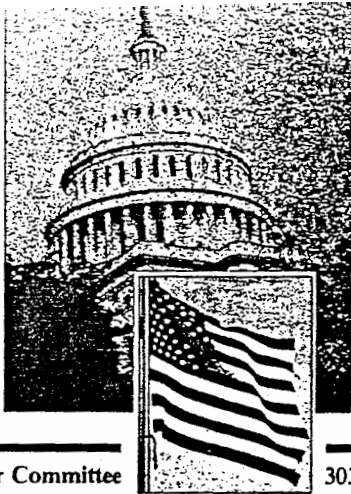
YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept \_\_\_ Regret \_\_\_ Surrogate \_\_\_ Message \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Priority \_\_\_  
Routine \_\_\_

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE ASAP TO Fred Ryan

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MAY 5, 1983  
**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
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Co-chairmen:  
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3030 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 314, Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 522-0800

March 1, 1983

*Staff to  
Faith Whittlesey ✓  
(NAP)*

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan  
~~The White House~~  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

The purpose of our letter is respectfully to request that you serve as honorary chairmen of what we believe will be the 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.

We are among millions of Americans across the nation who very deeply appreciate not only the recent proclamations of the Day of Prayer and Year of the Bible but also the example of spiritual and moral leadership that you both live out so beautifully and consistently before the country. We were particularly grateful for the fact that the proclamation designating the date for the thirty-first consecutive National Day of Prayer was issued early in the year, providing time both to make this important observance widely known and to plan appropriate events implementing the proclamation's call to united prayer.

The evening at Constitution Hall on May 5 is such an event. It is being planned by a volunteer committee, chaired by us and consisting of persons from various parts of the nation whose ministries lie especially in the area of prayer and who have seen, as you have, the difference that prayer can make in lives and circumstances.

Naturally, many other ways of observing the National Day of Prayer are also being planned. For instance, an especially strong effort will be made to urge all Americans to join in prayer for the nation from 12 noon to 12:05 p.m. on May 5, after being alerted by the widespread ringing of church bells at noon. In addition, we expect many state-level and local-level proclamations, prayer breakfasts, and other activities.

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan

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March 1, 1983

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 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 committee is keeping in close touch with Morton Blackwell as the plans take shape.

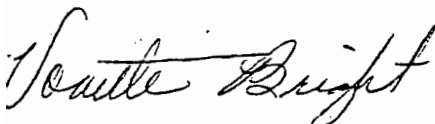
A number of well-known and highly-respected government, business, and church leaders will be asked to host the Constitution Hall event, and we should be most deeply honored if you, as the nation's First Family, would be willing to serve as the evening's honorary chairmen. Should it not be possible for both of you to serve, is it possible that at least Mrs. Reagan would consent to be our honorary chairman?

Constitution Hall will, we believe, be filled to capacity that evening. We are hopeful that the celebration of prayer will prove to be a dramatic occasion which will reach much of the nation. In impact, we pray that it will help bring healing, and renewed inspiration and vision for what God would have America become. Your participation as chairmen--or, in the case of Mrs. Reagan alone, as chairman--would clearly bring a unique dimension to all that could otherwise be done.


Naturally, we would also be deeply pleased and honored if you could actually attend the event and take part in it. Even if other commitments made it impossible for you to attend, however, we would be most appreciative if you could serve as the evening's chairmen, or chairman.

You are much prayed for, and greatly loved and appreciated. Thank you for our consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



rs. Bill Bright  
o-chairman



Herbert E. Ellingwood  
Co-chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

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.

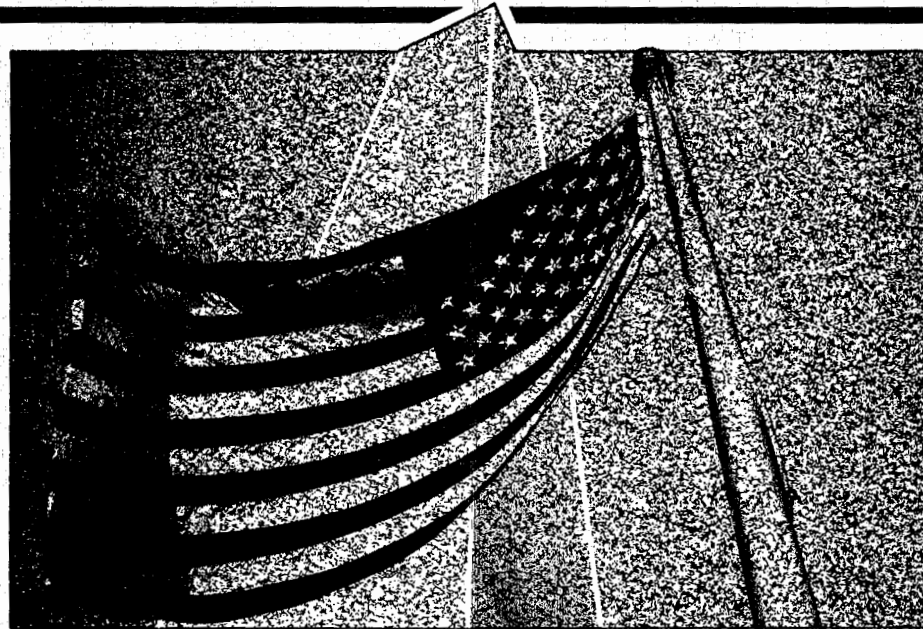
Enclosure

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# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

National days of prayer have been part of our country's heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775. Through the years other national days of prayer have been declared. Then in 1952, by joint approval, the two houses of Congress called upon the President to set aside a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer. This year will be the 31st consecutive observance.

In spite of its decades of history, until very recent years the National Day of Prayer has often seemed to occur with little or no advance notice to the public: The media largely ignore it, the government takes brief note of it, few churches observe it, and the day and its meaning are mostly forgotten until the next year.



This year the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be different. On January 27, President Reagan proclaimed Thursday, May 5, as the 1983 National Day of Prayer, giving us enough advance notice to alert the public to this national call to prayer.

A National Prayer Committee already has plans underway to coordinate nationwide participation in the Day of Prayer in line

with the theme, "Five at Twelve." The committee is urging that at 12 noon on May 5, bells be rung in churches and public buildings in every community, calling Americans to five minutes of unified prayer for our nation.

Plans also call for federal, state and local endorsement of the National Day of Prayer, with appropriate observances of many kinds.

The plans will include a national celebration at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., to acknowledge our dependence upon God, give thanks to Him for His blessings to the United States and its people through the years, and intercede with Him for the nation and its leaders. It is also anticipated that prayer services and other events at both the state and the city levels will be scheduled.

Please do all that you can to help draw America together on May 5 in a spirit of united prayer!

**TAKE 5<sup>min.</sup> at 12<sup>noon</sup>**

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*"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land."*  
2 Chronicles 7:14

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



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1983

Rev. Claude G. Pike  
Box 50444 F St. Sta.  
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Rev. Pike:

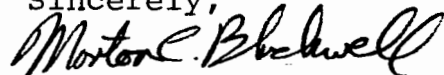
I have your letter of January 25 requesting that we invite six people to a proclamation signing for the National Day of Prayer. As we notified you last week by phone, there will be no signing ceremony for the proclamation this year. The President is signing the proclamation declaring 1983 as Year of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



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

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

"with united hearts..."

Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

Att: National Prayer leaders  
Re: Your invitation to White House ceremony

The First Day  
All America  
Prayed Together



*Archbishop Jakobus*

Last year we were asked by the White House to offer a selected list of religious leaders to whom invitations to the President's ceremonies involving the National Day of Prayer might be extended.

If you would care to have us submit your name or that of a representative from your organization to the White House this year, we will be glad to do so if opportunity is again presented to us.

To qualify you should contact us immediately and supply your correct name, birth date, social security number and organization you are representing.

This year we are asking President Reagan to schedule his 1983 Day of Prayer Proclamation ceremony a week early - while the world-wide convention of the National Religious Broadcasters is being held in Washington, D. C. - Feb. 1-2.

Please write, phone or wire the White House, c/o Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President, Ph. (202) 456-2657, urging that President Reagan seize this strategic opportunity to issue his National Day of Prayer Proclamation while the religious broadcasters are in town!

The National Day of Prayer Committee will also be holding its 1983 planning sessions at the Sheraton Washington Hotel during the week of Feb. 1. We invite your organization to share with us, at modest cost, in a National Day of Prayer exhibit booth and discussion with national leaders of ideas and plans for the observance of National Day of Prayer this year.

While we cannot guarantee that the President will be able to invite every individual or organization whose name we might recommend for an invitation to White House ceremonies concerning the National Day of Prayer, you may be sure that your communication will be called to his attention and that you will help to guarantee wide publicity for the impressive ceremonies he will undoubtedly hold.

We certainly hope you will contact us immediately by mail or phone so that we can work together effectively to promote nation-wide observance of the National Day of Prayer on May 5.

"With united hearts,"

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE

*C. G. Pike*  
Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

Dear Bishop Johnson -

Sincerely hope your church can  
be represented at the National  
Day of Prayer ceremonies this  
year and that you can encourage  
the White House to schedule  
the President's proclamation  
during the first week in Feb.

Sincerely,

C. G. Pike

TO Ben  
Elliott

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Others on Prayer Breakfast Program:

Alexandria Ophelia, Secretary General  
Organization of American States

Congresswoman Marjorie Holt

Philip Habib

Billy Graham

I am not sure what part each of these  
people play in the program but the main  
speaker is Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Chairman General John Vessey


The President's remarks will follow Gen.  
Vessey's speech.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN F. W. ROGERS

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

This proclamation is about ready for printing. Last year we ran out of the copies very early in the year and had to read from a Xerox copy at the ceremony at Constitution Hall in honor of this event.

We were told at that time that if we would request in advance, there would be very little additional cost for running extra copies.

I therefore request 5,000 copies of the proclamation for the National Day of Prayer.

It is our hope this proclamation will be available to distribute to the Christian community, most of whose leaders will be here January 31 to February 3 for the National Religious Broadcasters Convention (at which the President will speak) and to the President's Prayer Breakfast on February 3.

To \_\_\_\_\_

Date 1/17 Time 12:00

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M. Ruth Cap (Mrs Wm B)

of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Rev. Claude G. Pike, Coordinator

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Dear Mr. Skelly:

Just a note to thank you for helping call attention to the need for a National Day of Prayer proclamation ceremony - if possible to be held this Feb. / while the National Religious Broadcasters are in their Washington Convention.

With best wishes, I remain,  
Sincerely,  
C.G.Pike



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

Jan. 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We are so very grateful for your cooperation in the National Day of Prayer activities and for sending us the special reports from time to time on the President's addresses.

As I mentioned to you on the telephone, there is much interest building up in the 1983 Day of Prayer and we are especially concerned that, if possible, every effort be made to schedule the proclamation ceremony a week early this year so that the many members of the National Religious Broadcasters Convention meeting in Washington the first week of Feb. will be well aware of it.

Also, I understand that the Congressional Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for that week.

It is not difficult to comprehend the advantages that would result if, while these men are in Washington, the National Day of Prayer is called to their attention and, possibly, a more representative group of them, as national leaders, is invited to participate in a ceremony.

I will be at the Washington Sheraton from Jan. 28-Feb 3 with an excellent display booth for the National Day of Prayer. Would appreciate any interest you can stir up for a meeting during that time to promote observance of the May 5 day this year.

With kindest regards,



Claude G. Pike

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
December 3, 1982

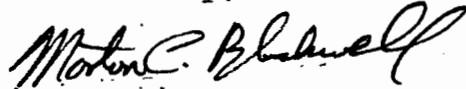
Reverend John Giminez  
Rock Church  
640 Kempsville Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Dear Reverend Giminez:

My assistant, Carolyn Sundseth, has reported her conversations with you concerning your plan to organize an interdenominational week of prayer here to precede the National Day of Prayer in 1983. It will make the National Day of Prayer more meaningful to have it preceded by the prayers of leaders of many ministries.

Please keep in touch as your plans develop.

Sincerely,



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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Draft of President Remarks to 1983 National  
Prayer Breakfast


These are excellent remarks. Another home run! These remarks will electrify the audience and have a profound impact on millions of religious Americans.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL   
SUBJECT: National Prayer Breakfast

Attached is correspondence from the National Committee for the Year of the Bible.

You will recall that this idea was broached by Dr. Bill Bright to the President almost a year ago. The President supported the legislation.

We now have approved wording on the proclamation and the plan is for the President to sign the proclamation at the conclusion of his remarks on the morning of February 3. I think it would be appropriate for the President to announce at that time he is accepting the honorary chairmanship.

Enclosure

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January 27, 1983

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Mr. Morton Blackwell  
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Dear Morton:

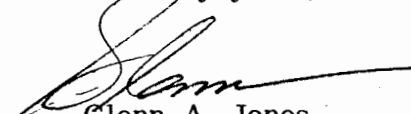
Attached is a draft that may be helpful in securing the President's agreement to serve as Honorary Chairman for the Year.

We also need your help in saving us from a problem caused by the overbooking of this year's Prayer Breakfast. Over half of our Committee either were not invited or did not accept this year's invitation. Per your call to Bill Bright, they are coming to town on the chance that the President will make the proclamation, yet they have little hope of being present. We are trying to secure a nearby room in the Washington Hilton for the purpose of close-circuiting the breakfast proceedings—this would help.

We have not re-addressed the signing ceremony since the proclamation moved to the Prayer Breakfast. You will recall, we have a large document using the original language of the Resolution the President signed into law. The committee will ceremoniously sign this document and we would sincerely appreciate the President doing likewise, either while he is in the Hotel or at the White House.

Morton, the potential impact of the year will be heightened by any contact between the National Committee and the President. If there is any way you can get them into the Prayer Breakfast room for the Proclamation, or secure a signing ceremony elsewhere, the "Year of the Bible" will be off to an excellent start. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Glenn A. Jones  
Executive Director

GAJ/jca

The National Committee for the Year of the Bible is an interfaith, non-profit confederation of representatives of American religious organizations who are cooperating for the purpose of fulfilling the recommendations of Public Law 97-280 naming 1983 as a special time for reading, studying, and applying the teaching of Scripture.

PROFOSED DRAFT

Letter from The President to Senator Armstrong

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your initiatives with the "Year of the Bible." I heartily endorse your choice of Bill Bright to head the National Committee and will be pleased to serve as the Honorary Chairman.

As you know, I ~~hope to be able to make~~ <sup>will sign</sup> the Proclamation at the National Prayer Breakfast next Thursday, ~~if all the legal questions have been worked out~~. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

RR:GAJ/j

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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Morton Blackwell  
The White House

January 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I do appreciate the information you gave me in your call this morning. We will certainly do everything possible to keep the National Day of Prayer publicity in proper perspective. It would certainly give the wrong impression if our role in it appeared to be by Presidential appointment.

I did discuss these events at length with Mr. John Jones of Mrs. Bright's organization after you called, and they, indeed, are underway with plans for another great rally in Constitution Hall May 5. This is exactly in keeping with our objective of stimulating the larger organizations to publicize the National Day of Prayer and do something about it annually until it becomes habitual with the American people.

We still hope that the President can see fit to issue his Day of Prayer proclamation during the week of the Religious Broadcasters Convention Feb. 1, or at least call attention to the May 5 day in his remarks at the NRB.

Ruth Gardner Cox, former campaign mgr. for Gov. Clements and prayer coordinator for Mrs. Bright's group, would appreciate an invitation if the President schedules a proclamation ceremony. Also, Dr. Charles Leaming, one of the founders of the National Religious Broadcasters organization and a present Board member would appreciate an invitation. Addresses:

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With kindest regards,

Claude G. Pike

Other names forthcoming



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For  
**NATIONAL PRAYER**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT \_\_\_\_\_, having pledged to:

Earnestly pray for America and our leaders every day; and to,  
Encourage observance of the National Day of Prayer in our local community on the 1st  
Thursday in May each year; and to  
Help the National Day of Prayer Committee financially to the best of my ability,

Is a CHARTER MEMBER of the COMMITTEE of ONE MILLION for NATIONAL PRAYER

Signed: *Rev. Claude G. Pike*

Rev. Claude G. Pike, National Coordinator



*This certificate issued by approval of the National Prayer Committee, Box 50444, Washington, D.C. 20004*

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