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MEMO

DATE: May 21, 2008
FROM: Diane Barrie *DB*
RE: Blackwell, OA 4825
TO: MEMO TO FILE

A small envelope supply box containing petitions regarding National Day of Prayer was found in OA 4825 for the Morton Blackwell collection. There were approximately 550 petitions of various types and sizes. We have sampled approximately 10% of these items including a sample of each different type and size. The material is now contained within folder: [National Day of Prayer Petitions], OA 9085.

A Proclamation
From the President
For a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer
1863

Whereas, The Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and Just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation:

And Whereas, It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord:

And, Inasmuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart THURSDAY, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope, authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

By his excellency



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

President of the United States of America

"DAY OF PRAYER" PETITION/REPLY FORM



TO: Congressman Mark Siljander
The Religious Roundtable
1500 Wilson Blvd., Suite 502
Arlington, Virginia 22209

FROM:

DF23

MRS JAMES DONNELLY
4908 LEAR PL
RALEIGH

NC 27609

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Mrs. James Donnelly
Signature

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TO: Edward E. McAteer, President
The Religious Roundtable
1500 Wilson Blvd., Suite 502
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FROM: NAME JAY R HALLE
STREET BOX 4729 RT 1
WHEATLAND WY 82201
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE (303) 322-4976

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Jay R. Halle
Shelley Ann Halle
Signature 3/24/82

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211 PERCH
CARROLL, IOWA
51401

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TO: Edward E. McAteer, President
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FROM: NAME R. Gayel Morgan
STREET Rt 2 Box 366A
CITY Clm City STATE N.C. ZIP 27822
TELEPHONE () _____

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FROM: *Billy R. McMillan*

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<u>Vivienne Weber</u>	<u>Kathleen A Lynch</u>
<u>Benignus Godley</u>	<u>Irma Gallagher</u>
<u>Sister Mary Kilduff</u>	<u>Dominic Doherty</u>
<u>Sister Margarita Roche</u>	<u>Betty Swoboda</u>
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<u>Dominica Sobmitz</u>	<u>Sister Lucienne</u>
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<u>Sister Anecela McAvim</u>	<u>Sister Mary Albert Ciernia</u>
<u>Mrs S Bournian</u>	<u>Alicia Botsford</u>

Submitted by

Gertrud J. Meyer

1870 Randolph St.

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Sister Catherine Jenkins Sister Francis B. Larkin
Sister Thaddeus Willette Sister Chase Collins
Sister Karen Woodworth Sister Nicola Kraft
Sister Serena Zilka Sister St. Agatha Mazur
Sister Claudian Moore Sister Margaret Bernard Castle
Sister James Theresa Muller, C.S.J. Sister Carlos Euel
Sister Jean Patrice Regan, C.S.J. Sister Antonine O'Brien
Sister Mary Rita Triggs Sister Beth Babcock C.S.J.
Sister Alice Ballweg Sister Ann Noel
Sister Patricia Mahoney Sister Carmen Lawlor
Sister Rose Mary Haley Sister Mary M. Radovich
Sister Annette Gagnon ^{C.S.J.} ~~Sister [redacted]~~
Sister Agnes ^{Linn} ~~Veronica~~ Sister Mary Jude Kennedy
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Henry

Mrs. Ralph O. Meader
Ernel + Margie Garland
Ralph O Meader
Robert E Bee
Laurie Fowler
John Fowler
Wayman J Mason

Walnut Grove Baptist Church
Salmon Falls Road
Rochester, N. H. 03067

Mrs. Margie Garland. Clerk
6-4th St.
Rochester N. H. 03067

This is a small country church.
we are struggling to keep open.
It is nearly ~~100~~ years old.

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Justin Cal. 92680

Blara Bertolini
Signature

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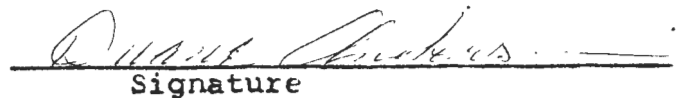
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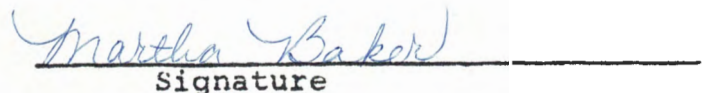
Address: 1705 Val Verde S.W.
Albany, N. Mex 87105


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Address: 11430 Entrada Bonita S.W.
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~~Ray~~
Duckles

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Fayette Chancey

Ruby Sullivan
Kenneth O. Sullivan

Eileen Jones

Rebecca Johnson.

Carl E. Payne

David Penner

all of de Soto, Ill. 62924

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TO: Congressman Mark Siljander
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FROM:

Lorene Clayton
De Soto
Ill. 62924

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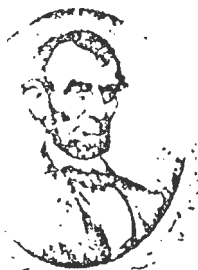
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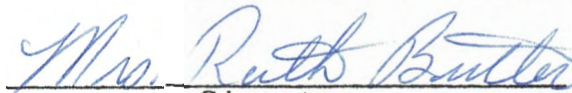
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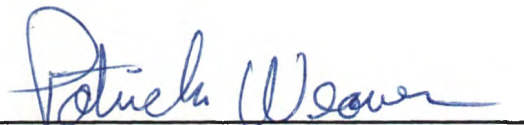
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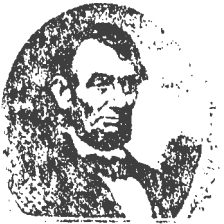
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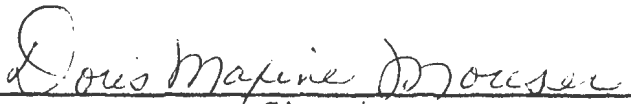
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