

<Opening Paragraph from Church Leadership>


I believe it is imperative that God's people come together to pray for our nation. The critical challenges facing America and the culture at large call for faithful, persevering intercession – not only on the National Day of Prayer, but throughout the year. Scripture provides abundant evidence that the Lord is attentive to our cries and that He moves powerfully in response to the fervent and contrite prayers of His children. As Martin Luther once said, “Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.”

What comfort and encouragement are available in the assurance that our sovereign God is attuned to our pleas, that He waits to intervene on our behalf, and that He is “mighty to save” (Zephaniah 3:17). Bearing those wonderful truths in mind, may we continue to seek the Lord's blessing and protection upon our beloved land during these crucial days that will impact the direction of our country for generations to come.

The 2010 observance of the National Day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 6, and the theme we've chosen is *Prayer! For Such a Time As This*. This emphasis was inspired by Nahum 1:7, which states, “The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.” At this perilous and uncertain juncture in our country's history, it is critical that we remain in prayer. The American people continue to be plagued with challenges that defy simple answers, and our hope lies in humbly seeking the Almighty's guidance, protection, and blessing.

In II Chronicles 7:14, the Lord tells His people that He will respond to their contrite and heartfelt cries of intercession. Please join our Task Force in endeavoring to spark a revival of prayer throughout our country. There is no better time than this! It is the hope for America.

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Dobson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Every blessing,".

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