



# National Day of Prayer

## May 5, 2016

### One Voice, United in Prayer



*“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.” Isaiah 58:1a*

*\*\*\*Note: See programming note regarding this sample program*

<b>LAYER ONE</b> <i>Prelude</i> 15 minutes	<b>Prelude Music</b>	<b>Armed Forces Band or Local Musician</b>
	<b>Welcome and Opening Prayer</b>	<b>NDP Coordinator or Supporter</b>
	<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	<b>Armed Forces Color Guard</b>
	<b>The National Anthem</b>	
	<b>The Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
	<i>Note: Contact a local or state military installation for the proper Colors, National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance presentation. Use military personnel when possible.</i>	
	<b>Invocation (Time of Repentance)</b>	<b>Local Pastor</b>
	<b>Worship Music</b>	<b>Local Church Praise Team or Choir</b>

#### Prayer for Government: the Nation and State

**“Prayer for the Nation”- written by Dr. Tony Evans** **Everyone**

*Note: Everyone pray aloud the “Prayer for the Nation” written by Dr. Tony Evans. This prayer establishes a common focus as you move into a time of prayer.*

**Executive Branch** **Representative for Nation and State**

*Note: The speaker for this section should talk shortly about the needs of national and state leaders and the issues they face. This person should be a civic leader who can personally speak to these issues. (less than 5 minutes)*

**Pray for Executive Branch** **Christian Leader from the Community**  
***Posture of prayer: Kneel-symbolically to humbly ask God for His blessing***

**Congress** **Representative for Nation and State**

*Note: The speaker for this section should talk shortly about the needs of national and state, congressional leaders and the issues they face. This person should be a civic leader who can personally speak to these issues. (less than 5 minutes)*

**Pray for the Congress** **Christian Leader from the Community**  
***Posture of prayer: Join hands – symbolically for the unity of “One Nation Under God”***

**Patriotic Medley** **Armed Forces Band or Local Band, Orchestra or Ensemble**  
*America the Beautiful*  
*God Bless America*  
*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**Judicial Branch** **Representative for Nation and State**

**LAYER TWO**  
*National*  
45  
minutes

*Note: The speaker for this section should talk shortly about the needs of national and state judicial leaders and the issues they face. This person should be a civic leader who can personally speak to these issues. (less than 5 minutes)*

**LAYER  
TWO**  
National  
45  
minutes  
(cont'd)

**Pray for the Judicial Branch** **Christian Leader from the Community**  
**Posture of Prayer: Raise Hands – Symbolically as the judge asks witnesses to do**

**Military** **Representative for Nation and State**

*Note: The speaker for this section should talk shortly about the needs of national and state military personnel and the issues they face. This person should be a civic leader who can personally speak to these issues. (less than 5 minutes)*

**Pray for the Military** **Christian Leader from the Community**  
**Posture of Prayer: Lay Hands – Ask for all U. S. Military personnel to stand and be recognized. Audience is asked to lay hands on military personnel and pray for them.**

### **Concert of Prayer**

**Everyone**

**Prayer for the Seven Centers of Power**

*Note: A local minister or Christian leader should ask everyone to verbally pray for each of the centers of power, giving a brief explanation of why we should pray for each one. Use music to help transition between prayers. Background music suggestions come from the “If My People Pray” compilation available online at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).*

**Pray for the Military and Media**

*Background music suggestion: “Go Light Your World”*

**Pray for Business and Education**

*Background music suggestion: “You, Oh Lord Are My Refuge”*

**Pray for the Church**

*Background music suggestion: “If My People Pray”*

**Pray for Families**

*Background music suggestion: “I Am In God’s Hands”*

**LAYER  
THREE**  
Concert of  
Prayer  
45 minutes

**Special Music  
Church**

**Musician or Praise Team from a Local**

**Charge (10 minutes)**

**Why the National Day of Prayer?**

**Local Pastor**

**The History and Significance of the National Day of Prayer**

*Note: Provide the pastor with the NDP “History and Significance of the National Day of Prayer” brochure for background information and sermon notes.*

**Closing Prayer**

**A Seven Voice Salute to our Sovereign God**

*Note: Find several people, who are of different ethnicity, to pray in unison. The following Scripture is a sample text.*

**Psalm: 116:13-14 “I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows in the presence of all His people.”**

*\*\*\*Programming Note: This is a suggested program, similar to the one that the NDP Task Force uses at the Cannon building in Washington, D.C. Feel free to incorporate these ideas into your program as you see fit. Use this sample program as a guide as you plan an event.*



# Sample National Day of Prayer Event Program



## Things To Know, Before You Start

- ✓ This sample program is a **guide**. Use it to create a program that fits your needs.
- ✓ Don't expect to use the entire program, unless your event is at least 2 hours.
- ✓ Use only the parts you want to include. For example, choose only Layers One and Two or Layers One and Three. Or, choose one layer and add worship and patriotic songs that are fitting to your audience. Or, pick and choose items from each layer.
- ✓ Produce an event suitable to your time constraints and the personality of your attendees.
- ✓ Be creative and use **only** the parts that work for you.

Chairman Shirley Dobson recommends adding at least a 3-minute time of repentance to all NDP celebrations. Also consider adding a Solemn Assembly before your event.

For more information on the Solemn Assembly, visit the coordinator page on [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)