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AMERICANS STAND READY TO ANSWER THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO / APRIL 3, 2018 – THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and in 1988, President Ronald Reagan signs into law the designation of the first Thursday in May as the annual observance for the National Day of Prayer.

The theme for the 2018 National Day of Prayer observance is Pray for America – UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* The National Day of Prayer is positioned to pray for our nation to experience unity.

The need for prayer in America has never been greater. Through the efforts of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, more than 35,000 prayer gatherings will be conducted by about 40,000 volunteers across the United States. Several million people are expected to participate in this call to prayer from small towns to state capitals to Washington, D.C.

Dr. Ronnie Floyd serves as President of the National Day of Prayer and will give the keynote address at the National Observance in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Floyd states, "Mobilizing unified public prayer for America may be the most important thing we can do right now. America is broken. Division is undeniable. Racial tension is alarming. Lawlessness abounds. Reconciliation appears impossible. The National Day of Prayer in America is needed now more than ever before in our nation's history."

As our nation struggles with foreign and domestic threats, economic insecurity, cultural tensions, and continual challenges to basic constitutional rights, citizens of the United States are preparing to heed the call by our elected leaders to exercise one of their most precious freedoms – the right to gather, turn to God, and pray. In response, millions will assemble at thousands of local events across the nation, where they will take time out of their daily schedules to intercede on behalf of their communities, their nation, and their leaders.

The mission of the National Day of Prayer Task Force is to mobilize unified public prayer for America.

For additional information, or to find a National Day of Prayer event in your community, please visit:
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