

National Day of Prayer
(April 28, 2019 by Rev. Anthony Menzel)

As we recognize the National Day of Prayer as a congregation, I would like to mention several scriptures, and then have a special time of prayer...

Scripture 1: Psalm 33:1, 12, 16-22

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

² Praise the LORD with the harp;

[a] Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

³ Sing to Him a new song;

Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD *is* right,

And all His work *is done* in truth.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together [b] as a heap;

He lays up the deep in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, and it was *done*;

He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

The plans of His heart to all generations.

¹² Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD,

The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

¹³ The LORD looks from heaven;

He sees all the sons of men.

¹⁴ From the place of His dwelling He looks

On all the inhabitants of the earth;

¹⁵ He fashions their hearts individually;

He [c] considers all their works.

¹⁶ No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army;

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse *is* a [d]vain hope for safety;
Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.
¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His mercy,
¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
He *is* our help and our shield.
²¹ For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy name.
²² Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
Just as we hope in You.

It is very powerful to pray using the Word of God...

Scripture 2: 1 John 5:14-15

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Where are we going to know God's Will from?
Largely from His Word...

Scripture 3: Psalm 119:105

Your word *is* a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

Thus, I want to start our commemoration of the National Day of Prayer by guiding us in a prayer based on ***Psalm 33...***

Before I do, I want you to know how important it is to intercede...

If you are the only person praying, you can make a tremendous difference because the victory is determined by the Lord Jesus' support, not by numbers or weaponry...

If neither side has His support, perhaps the outcome of a battle can be determined by numbers or weaponry...

However, if one side has His support and the other side does not, the side with His support will have victory in the end...

Scripture 4: Ezekiel 22:30-31

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. ³¹ Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads,” says the Lord GOD.

Last week many of the people who have been participating in the fast against powers and principalities were not here...

Those of you who still want to participate in the fast against powers and principalities, I would like to ask you to come forward, along with anyone else who feels that they are ready to go into a harder level of spiritual warfare...

Since the point of the National Day of Prayer is to pray for the nation, I think it is important to remind us to pray for those intercessors that are involved in praying against the powers and principalities that are among the main evil forces that are trying to destroy the United States and by extension, those countries where the United States has influence...

I feel that the Lord has revealed to me that they are addiction, infanticide, materialism, prejudice, and sexual immorality...

Alcoholism, drug addiction, and food addictions all fall under addiction, showing that the root force behind all of these evils in our society is the power of addiction...

Abortion has at its root the power of infanticide...

Greed, environmental destruction, bribery, corruption, and putting work, careers, and money before God and family all have materialism as their root cause...

Racism is just a type of prejudice...

Homosexual marriage, sexual promiscuity, pornography, and the like are all forms of sexual immorality...

Thus, as a congregation, I think it is important for us to repent of any involvement we have or have had with these powers and principalities and to at least agree with the prayers of our intercessors that God would remove their influence over the United States and the countries where the U.S. has influence...

We will use the Spanish prayer posted online for this purpose...

As we learned last week, a big part of deliverance is not just being delivered from evil but also committing to do good, so I would like to finish this part of our prayer service with a prayer that replaces the influence of these evil powers with their opposites...

Father, please replace the addiction to bad things with constant prayer and praise in our lives and with constant meditation on Your Word...

Father, please replace infanticide with blessing our children to be loved and cared for better and better each day...

Father, please replace materialism with putting You first so that things and money would no longer be an idol in our lives...

Father, please replace prejudice with love and fair treatment for everyone...

Father, please replace sexual immorality with purity in mind, thought, words, and actions...

In Jesus Christ's name we pray...Amen...