

2010 Prayer for the National Day of Prayer

By Franklin Graham – 2010 Honorary Chairman

Lord,

We are thankful for the abundant blessings You have bestowed on America. Our forefathers looked to You as Protector, Provider, and the Promise of hope. But we have wandered far from that firm foundation. May we repent for turning our backs on Your faithfulness.

We pray that this great nation will be restored by Your forgiveness.

From bondage, You grant freedom.

Through Your own sacrifice, You offer salvation.

From the state of despair, You offer peace.

From the bounties of Heaven, You have blessed – not because of our goodness – but by Your grace.

You have given us freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth as Your holy Word instructs. May our lives honor You in word and deed. May our nation acknowledge that all good things come from the Father above.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that our nation should set apart a day for national prayer to confess our sins and transgressions in sorrow, “yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon... announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

“We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own... we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us! It behooves us then... to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”

Help us to pray earnestly for our president and leaders who govern, that they will humble themselves and seek Your guidance so that everything we do will shine the light of Your glory in a darkened world.

May our prayers as a people and a nation be heard and blessed for such a time as this. We make this plea in faith, believing in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

An Invitation To Join In Prayer



On **Thursday, May 6th** Cheviot United Methodist Church will be joining with others across our nation to pray for our country and our leaders during the **National Day of Prayer**.

From **12 noon until 1:00 PM** you are invited to gather in the **sanctuary** to offer silent and spoken prayers on behalf of this great nation.

There will be devotionals and prayers to guide you as well as time to sit before God and listen for His voice. You may come and go at any time during this hour.

Cheviot UMC welcomes your participation in this annual day of prayer, established by President Harry Truman in 1952, as we bring to God our prayers for this great nation

~~For more information on the National Day of Prayer go to the following website.~~_____

www.nationaldayofprayer.org. Questions about the Cheviot UMC observance can be directed to the church office at Cheviotumc3820@aol.com.