

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### "Day of Prayer: Exit Poll"

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May 1, 2014 was National Day of Prayer. Norton Ministerial Alliance has sponsored a union service each year for prayer. They elected this year to sponsor a different kind of prayer effort.

Persons were encouraged to pray in their homes; families together or groups around a kitchen table or whatever setting they might choose.

II Chronicles 7:14 has been a key verse for national prayer day:

"If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land."

If you were asked to respond to an exit poll, what would you say? How did the pray-at-home-for-your-nation experience work out?

Some who read these lines may say, "Oops, I forgot!" It's NOT too late to pray for your country "belatedly", and regularly.

But for those who remembered, and did it; how did it work out for you? Is it possible to observe a national day of prayer with believers taking the initiative in their homes? We can agree that it IS possible; the question is did we do it?

Dear Lord, at a time in our history when moral decay and spiritual decline are obvious, may we be faithful exceptions. Stir us with

concern, but enliven us with HOPE that can be found only in your deliverance. Help us to love our leaders even as we

pray for their repentance when needed. And help us to repent of our too-often thoughtless and bitter complaining. We

appreciate your grace, and need help to be gracious.

In the Name of Jesus we pray; Amen

## Look More Closely



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We often hurry through our hectic day, rush to finish the evening chores, climb into bed and wake up in the morning to start all over again...all the while wondering where the days go.... Soon it is a week, a month, a year. If we slow down to look more closely at the meaning of our lives might we find that we are missing our most beautiful moments? God has placed us here with a purpose. To discover it, we must look more closely at our spirit. Take the time to visit God's house...the fulfillment of his purpose will help us discover life's beautiful moments.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew 12.1-21	Matthew 12.22-37	Matthew 12.38-50	Matthew 14.1-21	Matthew 14.22-36	Matthew 15.21-39	Matthew 17.1-23
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