



2011 National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 5, 2011
7x7 Program Overview

(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. 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.

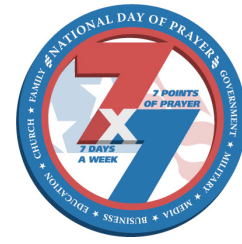
Chairman Shirley Dobson recommends adding at least a 3-minute time of repentance to all NDP celebrations. Also consider adding a Solemn Assembly before your event.

For more information on the Solemn Assembly, visit the coordinator page on www.NationalDayofPrayer.org.

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"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust" –Psalm 91:2

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

LAYER ONE <i>Prelude</i> 15 minutes	Prelude Music	Armed Forces Band or Local Musician
	Welcome and Opening Prayer	NDP Coordinator or Supporter
	Presentation of Colors	Armed Forces Color Guard
	The National Anthem	
	The Pledge of Allegiance	
	<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>	
	Invocation (Time of Repentance)	Local Pastor
	Worship Music	Local Church Praise Team or Choir
<u>Prayer for Government: the Nation and State</u>		
	"Prayer for the Nation" -written by Joni Eareckson Tada	Everyone
	<i>Note: Everyone pray aloud the "Prayer for the Nation" written by Joni Eareckson Tada. This prayer establishes a common focus as you move into a time of prayer.</i>	
	Executive Branch	Representative for Nation and State
	<i>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)</i>	
LAYER TWO <i>National</i> 45 minutes	Pray for Executive Branch	Christian Leader from the Community
	<i>Posture of prayer: Kneel - symbolically to humbly ask God for His blessing</i>	
	Congress	Representative for Nation and State
	<i>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)</i>	
	Pray for the Congress	Christian Leader from the Community
	<i>Posture of prayer: Join hands – symbolically for the unity of "One Nation Under God"</i>	
	Patriotic Medley	Armed Forces Band or Local Band, Orchestra or Ensemble
	<i>America the Beautiful God Bless America Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	
▲ ▼	Judicial Branch	Representative for Nation and State

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
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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

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”

Special Music **Musician or Praise Team from a Local Church**

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.

Psalms: 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.*

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THREE**
Concert
of
Prayer
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minutes