

National Day of Prayer: A Time for Healing

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On Thursday, May 5, the City of Garland, along with many other cities, will be honoring our National Day of Prayer by inviting its citizens to gather in intercession not only for our city, but for our country.

In what is the 60th year of this celebration for our nation, the City of Garland will be holding its 10th annual event; prayer will begin at noon at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, located at 300 N. 5th St. in Garland.

There is precedent for corporate prayer, not only in America because of the faith of our founding fathers, but also in the Bible itself.

During the reign of King Solomon, God had granted His people such great prosperity and peace that Solomon was able to build a temple of worship unto the Lord. He used the finest materials. Solomon turned what had previously been a tent of sorts, into an awesome dwelling place for the Presence of God.

When Solomon was finished building and dedicating the temple, God visited him in the night.

The Lord told Solomon that if the time came when He would shut up the heavens so that rain would not come, or if He sent locusts to destroy crops, or if famine should sweep across the land, *“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 will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* (II Chronicles 7:14; NIV)

Right now, gas prices are through the roof. Right now, dry conditions throughout Texas have literally been kindling for fires that have decimated thousands of acres of land, as well as countless homes. Right now, Osama bin Laden is dead but to this war, there is no end in sight.

So Thursday, come to The Atrium, or kneel wherever you may be, because an hour of prayer is not too much to give.

And right now, our land could use a little healing.