

58th Annual Observance

# PRAYER... AMERICA'S HOPE

*"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:22*

In Psalm 121:1, David poses the question, "...where does my help come from?" Here in the United States, many people have echoed David's words in recent days as we confront unprecedented challenges. Given this difficult season in our nation's history, hope and deliverance can seem elusive. Thankfully, we serve a God for whom nothing is impossible – a truth that is born out time and again throughout Scripture.

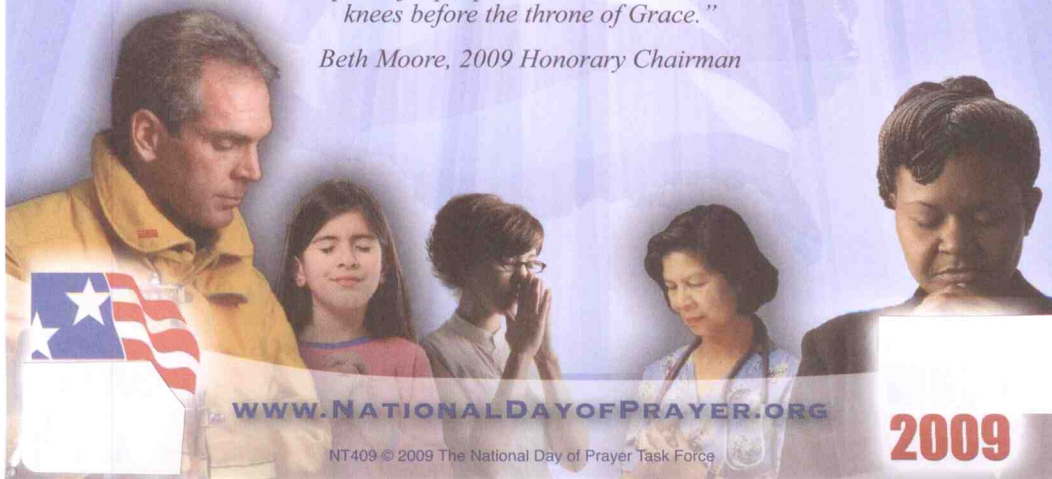
Consider the Ninevites, for example, a cruel and ruthless people whose hearts were far from the Lord and His laws. Despite their depravity God, in His great mercy, sent Jonah to deliver a message of repentance and, ultimately, to bring this violent people to their knees in humility and contrition.

As we recall God's willingness to spare the Ninevites from judgment, we can take heart in the knowledge that His boundless love and compassion can avail for America, too. Though our nation has strayed from His precepts, it is never too late to confess our corporate sins and seek His face once again. As Isaiah 59:1 reminds us, "Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear."

It is in this spirit that we chose **Prayer...America's Hope!** as the theme for our 2009 National Day of Prayer observance. Psalm 33:22 beseeches, "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You." How comforting to know that, no matter how difficult our circumstances, like David we can rely fully on "the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2) as we come before Him in genuine repentance and trust. In times of uncertainty, He truly is our source of hope.

*"One of the most wonderful things about the call to prayer is that every single one of us can know divine power before the throne of Grace. Whether we are young or old, rich or poor, male or female, no matter where we work, no matter where we live, we are powerful people and heaven tall when we are down on our knees before the throne of Grace."*

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