



## ***National Day of Prayer***

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**AGOURA HILLS, May 5, 2005** - As the nation comes together for prayer throughout the day today, we at Joni and Friends would like to encourage you to participate in this wonderful and most powerful event. There is no force as strong as prayer, and prayer has been proven to be effective through both scientific studies as well as through the sometimes startling testimonies of the many who have seen circumstances change as a result of prayer.

We are told to pray for those who persecute us (Matt 5:44), to pray in private places, not just in church where others can see (Matt 6:5), to bring our requests to our Father with thanksgiving (Phil 4:6), to pray with confidence (Mark 11:24), to pray without ceasing (I Thes 5:17), to pray for one another (James 5:16), to pray for our children (Matt 19:13-14), and to pray for those in authority over us (I Tim 2:2).

The Bible has a lot to say about prayer. If you haven't done a personal study on prayer, I would really encourage you to do so. It is not only interesting, but produces sweet fruit in your spiritual life.

Take some time today, and every day, to pray. I've never heard anyone say that they regretted taking time to pray!

And, if you'd like someone to pray with you, you can reach us via email at: [corresp@joniandfriends.org](mailto:corresp@joniandfriends.org), or call us at 818.707.5664 and ask for the Correspondence department.

Here are some links you may find interesting:

National Day of Prayer official website: <http://nationaldayofprayer.org/>

Presidential Prayer Team website: <http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org/>

The Joni and Friends monthly Prayer Letter: <http://joniandfriends.org/about/praylet.shtml>