

GOD OF MERCY AND LOVE

we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground.

Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends.

May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Prayer composed by
FR. JIM GOODE, OFM,
who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer
for the African American and African Family.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

STAND FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

**STAND
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YOU
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IN**

THE ULTIMATE
MEASURE OF A MAN
IS NOT WHERE HE
STANDS IN MOMENTS
OF COMFORT AND
CONVENIENCE, BUT
WHERE HE STANDS AT
TIMES OF CHALLENGE
AND CONTROVERSY.

MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR

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FAMILY LIFE SUPPORTERS

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION
THE JOSEPHITES
SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD
ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR
SOLID GROUND FRANCISCAN MINISTRY
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NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE FOR LIFE
NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CLERGY CAUCUS
NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS' CONFERENCE
KNIGHT OF PETER CLAVER AND LADIES AUXILIARY
USCCB SECRETARIAT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH



HOW TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

WORSHIP together at the Eucharistic Table
and pray as a family on the National Day of Prayer
for the African American and African Family

Celebrate a meal together and tell
your FAMILY STORY

Set aside some time together to discuss
what you are willing to stand for:

Stand for what you believe in

(feel free to add to the list)

I WILL STAND FOR

Jesus Christ, the same
yesterday and forever

The Eucharist

Respect Life

Justice and Peace

The end of racism and hate

The end of abortion all acts

of violence

I WILL STAND FOR

Respect for the family

especially our elders

Respect for our women

and children

I WILL STAND FOR

the protection of

our environment and

all creation

I WILL STAND

With the poor and
oppressed

With the forgotten,
unwanted and unwelcome.

A WORK OF MERCY

As a family prepare and give a meal
to a family in need in your Church or local
community on this the National Day of Prayer for the
African American and African Family