

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.

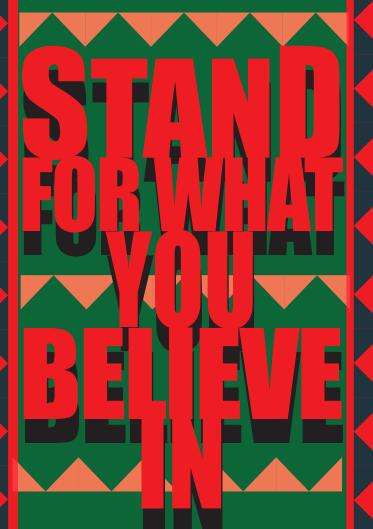
May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

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





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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN **FAMILY**

FAMILY LIFE SUPPORTERS

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION THE JOSEPHITES SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR 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 IWILLSTAND FOR yesterday and forever Respect for the family Justice and Peace and children The end of racism and hate The end of abortion all acts | WILL STAND FOR

The Eucharist especially our elders Respect Life Respect for our women

of violence 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