



National Day Of Prayer

Technology and social media can be a bane and a blessing. Often families become more involved in the technology than they do each other. Yet, social media can also provide a ministry opportunity. Through a Facebook post a person discovered that a friend had been praying for the family. The next morning, there was a private message from a stranger who had written, "I read your post. My brother is dying. Would you pray for him?" This person was so burdened that reaching out to a stranger was a way to help lessen the pain. But it was a reminder that folks are reading what we post each day. We can represent Jesus by our actions online.

We can post about what God's doing in our life. Share about the ways He's blessed you. When others post prayer needs on social media, pray for them. If you find inspiring stories on social media, share them to provide a bright moment in the day for others. Other ways we can impact the world through the media is to pray as we read through the newspaper for those whose lives are adversely impacted by sadness, natural disasters, or other problems. We can also do this for news we see on the television or on our computers.

Especially during these unsettling days when distance is the operative word, media provides us with a way to reach others who are hurting and to reflect the love and healing of Jesus. Media can be the bridge that spans the chasm between sadness and peace.

Pray these words or others as you are led

Almighty God, We thank you that we live in a country where we enjoy the freedoms of speech and the press. Please encourage us to share our stories of Your presence and work in our lives with others through social media. Open our eyes and ears to the pleas of distress whether in our community or on a larger stage by praying for those who are hurting or broken. Help us to use the different media to be a bridge between sadness and peace. Thy will be done.

In Jesus' name. Amen