



CITY OF DORAL
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Council

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To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Hernan M. Organvidez, Acting City Manager

Date: April 26, 2022

Subject: **National Day of Prayer Ceremony**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Councilmembers about the National Day of Prayer Ceremony taking place on Thursday, May 5th. The community will unite at the Doral Government Center Council Chambers for a special ceremony. This annual tradition returns to an in-person format, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program begins at 12:00 p.m. and includes inspirational messages from Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, religious leaders from the Doral community, as well as live performances from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church choir. Immediately following the ceremony, guests are invited to enjoy lunch on the 1st floor lobby. This unifying event is free and open to the public.

Days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln called for such a day. Officially, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event by an act of Congress in 1952 and was signed into law by President Harry Truman. President Ronald Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

The observance of the National Day of Prayer is founded on the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion and can be celebrated by all.

c. Rey Valdes, Deputy City Manager