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
If You and Yours feel like raging waters are trying to drown You and uncertainty is surrounding You. Hold on, look at what Jesus did for the Women at the Well {John 4:4-42} . She turned a new page in her life and received life-giving waters from Jesus. Jesus is who He is, promising that My Father never stops working, and so I keep working too {John 5:17}.

Maybe You and Yours was disrespected by somebody who was trying to down-sized You all the way down to the ground. Hold on, look at what Jesus did for the Blind man who called out for Mercy to Jesus despite the Disciples efforts to shut him up and shut him down {Mark 10:46-50}. Once the Man was blind and now he sees. Jesus is who He always is. Jesus promises My Father never stops working, and so I keep working too {John 5:17}.

Perhaps You or Yours are experiencing a collision in Your body, in need of a passport to renewed health. Hold on, look at what Jesus did for the paralyzed man unable to move {Mark 2:1-12}. People tried to block his blessing to get close to the Lord. Jesus always sees where You are standing or laying. Jesus is a Rescuer and a Healer. People today are standing up on their own two feet because Jesus is a Healer. Won’t Jesus work it out Jesus is who He always is. Our Lord promises My Father never stops working, and so I keep working too {John 5:17}.

Here’s the deal whatever season You or Yours are going through, always remember that Jesus continues to say My Father never stops working, and so I keep working too {John 5:17}. This promise defines Who Jesus Is, Who Jesus Always Will Be and How He Works For You Jesus is the Savior of the World. Jesus is the Way out of No Way. Jesus is the Healer and Miracle Worker. Jesus is the Teacher and the Rescuer. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is the Door to Spiritual Life. Jesus is the Light of the World. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the True Vine. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus Is Everything.

Remember this as Jesus becomes Your Everything God is writing your story. Don’t take the pen out of His hand. And make Your next chapter in Your story, the best chapter because Jesus Is Everything.

Therese Wilson Favors

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 to READ THE FAMILY BIBLE SAY A PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, for the needs of all families throughout the world.

As a family let us prepare and GIVE A MEAL to a family in need in your Church or local community in this the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.

JOIN IN SOLIDARITY with our African sisters and brothers in the Motherland, as we pray for their needs and their families.

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