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.

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