God of Mercy and Love

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.


Our 30th Year!

National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family

...And it’s still Blessed Assurance

February 3, 2019
First Sunday of Black History Month
Yes, Changes Abound. But Rejoice!
**JESUS IS OUR INHERITANCE and He Has US in His Will**

Let’s face it… changes are all around Us. These changes surround us like a spider web, sometimes locking us into some uncomfortable situations and relationships. Sometimes change comes so swiftly we can’t catch our breath. Undesirable and sad changes have crept into our political realities, Church and Community realities, and within our own families. No matter how deep the change, Our God Remains the Same. Our God is a God of great reversals. Our God can take our changes and challenges and work it out for our good. God still makes a way out of no way and is able to catch us, carry us and keep us!

God cares for Us and has sent Himself- Jesus, to lead us through life. Jesus gives us the “Good News of the Gospel” as a compass on this journey towards holiness. How we respond and react to change becomes the very essence of the vocation we call “being a Christian”. Remember, those scripture stories when Jesus intervenes and changes peoples’ lives. Jesus can pick us up and wants us to pick somebody else up too.

Jesus is Our Inheritance and He Has Us in His Will. His Will covers Us with health care insurance. Jesus tells us… I come so that they might have life and have it more abundantly (Jn 10:10). . . the lame walked, the blind saw, the diseased were cured, and evil spirits were dispelled. Jesus has Us in His will and gives us house insurance too. Our Jesus said... Do not let your hearts be troubled, I go to prepare a place for you… in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places (Jn 14:1-2).

Brothers and Sister, let not your hearts be troubled in this era of unceasing change. Instead, Rejoice! JESUS IS Our Inheritance and He Has US in His Will. Therese Wilson Favors

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**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 our 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.

**How To Celebrate This Day**

- ** Blessed Sacrament Sisters **
- ** Black and Indian Mission **
- ** Franciscan Handmaids of Mary **
- ** Holy Family Sisters **
- ** Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary **
- ** National African American Catholic Youth Ministry Network **
- ** National Association of Black Catholic Administrators **
- ** National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life **
- ** Office of Black Ministry, Archdiocese of New York **
- ** National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus **
- ** National Black Catholic Congress **
- ** National Black Sisters’ Conference **
- ** Oblate Sisters of Providence **
- ** Order of Friars Minor **
- ** Province of the Immaculate Conception **
- ** Society of the Divine Word **
- ** Solid Ground Franciscan Ministry **
- ** The Josephites **
- ** USCCB Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church **

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