

The National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family / Rosary Conference Call

This special day of prayer was founded by Fr. James Goode, OFM in 1989. It is a day set aside to give special thanks to God for our families and place our every care in the arms of Jesus. It occurs each year on the First Sunday in February, Black History Month. This is the 30th year that this event has been celebrated. The theme for this year is "*Share the Journey*". See the attached flyer for suggestions for celebrating the day

Let Us Pray:

Let us stir up an attitude of gratitude in praise for Our God's infinite mercy and love. No One or nothing can outdo God's mercy extended to us even when we don't recognize God's unchanging hand. As we journey towards holiness and slip and slide through life, God's mercy has been the safety net catching us, preventing us from downward spirals that could propel us into a grave of deathly situations and spiritual disasters. We all have testimonies when we have been tested and found God's grace and mercy keeps pace with whatever we face. You can trust in God's mercy.

In "The Face of God" Pope Francis writes... "Mercy is the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us." Yes, we have met God's mercy and it has strengthen us along the journey. God's mercy has allowed us to spiritually ascend from some dark places and slippery corridors of our lives. We recognize that the hand of God has led us and guides us when we were broke, busted and disgusted. Great is God's Mercy, Trusted and Tested! We recognize that time and time again, that Jesus; the face of mercy, showed up in our lives as we travelled our road to Emmaus or when the heat in our kitchen got so hot and needed to be turned down. Great is God's Mercy...for the Lord is our Shepherd there is nothing we shall want. God gives cool breeze when we need to lay down in His Verdant Pastures. We know that God's grace and mercy always rushes in right on time when there is floating chaos in our lives. We respect and recognize that God's grace is bigger than the challenge we face. We understand the language of "holding on" and we've been fueled by the power that comes from the realization that we only go through, only got over by the Grace and Mercy of God. Our spiritual path must be drenched in showing mercy to each other in our Families, in our Communities, and in our World.

Trusted and Tested Our God in merciful. Our God comes to meet us in His acts of mercy so... Have no anxiety at all... Instead, shout your testimony and tell the whole world about it! Share the Journey... That is how we Praise God.

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To join in celebration of this prayerful event, the Black Catholic Ministries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Office of Multicultural Ministries will host a

Black Catholic Rosary Across America Conference Call

Monday, February 5, 2018 at noon (EST) / Call 641-715-3580 /Access Code – 951981

ALL ARE WELCOME!

How will you share your journey?