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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

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.

Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989
founded this National Day of Prayer for the African
American and African Family

in a word or two

Our
30th
Year!

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 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.

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