



**GWINNETT CO. COURTHOUSE**

## PRAYER IS **THE LINK** TO LOVE

**OUR PRAYER FOCUS –**  
**THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH, INTERCESSION FOR**  
**WORLDWIDE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS & DECLINE IN ABORTIONS**

**WE ALL JOINED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF PRAYER TO BE UNITED UNDER GOD’S GRACE : CONFESSING OUR SINS, REPENTING, INTERCEEDING FOR OUR NATIONAL LEADERS AND ONE ANOTHER.**

- Welcome- National Day of Prayer – David Burgher
- Pledge allegiance to our American Flag - Russell Gray
- National Day of Prayer Proclamation – Solicitor Brian Whiteside
- Audio welcome to NDOP - GA Governor Brian Kemp
- NATIONAL ANTHEM – Rachel O’Dell
- Groups of 3 intercessors -
- Thanksgiving Gifts – “Freedom Of Speech” in our prayers, words, and deeds.
- “LOVE THAT NEVER ENDS”**  
(responsive reading – 1 Cor. 13)
- Worldwide Persecuted Churches
- Descending Abortions
- Gwinnett elected officials by name

### **2019 WORLD WATCH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS LIST**

245 million Christians in 150 countries are experiencing extremely high levels of persecution. In the top 50, 4,136 Christians killed. 2,625 Christians imprisoned without trial. 1,266 church buildings attacked, burned or vandalized. 7 out of 9 are persecuted under Islamic oppression. North Korea ranked # 1 most severe in 18 most dangerous to Christians. Pray and support ministries assisting persecuted Christian families worldwide.

### **MIRACLE DESCENT OF ABORTION CURSES FOR PRO LIFE**

Since the 1973 Roe VS Wade Supreme Court denied “Right to Life”, causing 52.6 million babies aborted - is the highest murder rate against the unborn in America. Yet through much prayer a miracle has raised up Pro Life Advocate Ministries significantly reduced abortion clinics plunging abortions to its lowest level since 1973. 1980 – 1,545,170 as opposed to 2017 – 862,300 annually. Pray and support to Pro Life Clinics.



This year was the 70<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer event. The theme this year was **“Lord, pour out your love, life, and liberty”** based on 2 Corinthians 3:17 **“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”** On May 6, 2021, Parker McFarland, coordinator of the event, organized at the Forsyth County Courthouse approximately 100 people gathered in person and live on Facebook.

This was the first year an event open to the general public. Last year only 10 people were allowed to gather in public due to COVID-19. This first year we had worship with three worship leaders from Highlands Church. All present were led into God’s presence with flags through **America the Beautiful, Raise a Hallelujah, and Holy, Holy, Holy.**

After personal prayer, several people accepted our offer for prayer ministry. The chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, Cindy Mills, read the excellent Proclamation of Governor Kemp which referenced the first call for a National Day of Prayer in 1775 and General George Washington’s struggle at Valley Forge.

Parker McFarland gave a history of the National Day of Prayer (NDOP) dating back to the Continental Congress in 1775, President Lincoln’s day of fasted and prayer in 1863, Congress established NDOP as an annual event in 1952, and President Reagan established NDOP as the first Thursday in May. General George Washington’s “Appeal to Heaven” flag was brought to discuss the importance he placed on faith and prayer.

An attendee present also happened to bring an “Appeal to Heaven” flag. Parker shared about the history of Valley Forge and how God delivered General Washington and gave him an impossible victory against the British.

This flag was the banner under which America was born. In a state of national divisiveness and spiritually weak condition, we must appeal to heaven again.

**Mayor Troy Brumbalow** read a Proclamation on behalf of the City of Cumming.

**State Representative Lauren McDonald** led us in the pledge of allegiance.

**Pastor Jon Adams and Pastor Dennis Bottoms** led us in fervent prayer for the churches and for pastors.

**Chief Judge Jeffrey S. Bagley** led a prayer for justice and the courts.

**Sheriff Ron Freeman** prayed for police and first responders and we recognized them for their difficult work this past year.

**Professor Vijay Goyal, Ph.D. at Kennesaw University** prayed for college students.

**Pastor Caleb Veasey** prayed earnestly for middle and high school students 1997 – present ( Z )

**Pastor Robbie Mathis** prayed for revival pleading to our Almighty God.

**Parker McFarland** closed our time praying for all 7 cultural mountains of influence.

One of the pastors was moved by my quote from Billy Graham that **“the next great movement of God would be through believers in the marketplace.”** This challenged all to businessmen prayer meetings?”

Closing reflections deeply touched Parker and Nicole McFarland after taking a photo beside Lady Justice and to their amazement it contains a RAINBOW over them. The Lord confirmed in his heart: ***“I am covering you with unusual faithfulness, I am protecting you, I am honoring my commitment, my covenant to protect you and keep you safe. I was there with you son. I wanted you to know and see that. I will always be with you.”*** *Parker McFarland*