

# D-DAY PRAYER PROJECT

*The Effort to Add FDR's Historical Presidential Prayer  
at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.*

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This legislative initiative first started in early 2011, when OCA President Chris Long approached newly elected Congressman from Ohio's 6th District, Lt. Colonel Bill Johnson (Air Force, Ret.), to add FDR's D-Day Landing Prayer in its entirety at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Congressman Johnson happily agreed. Soon afterwards, Ohio Christian Alliance was approached by Ohio U.S. Senator Rob Portman offering to be the Senate sponsor of the legislation. In a rare bi-partisan moment in the U.S. Congress, and on the eve of the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the U.S. Senate granted unanimous consent for S 1044, The WWII Memorial Prayer Act. Two weeks later, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the measure, and sent it on to President Obama, who signed the bill on June 30, 2014.

Since that time, Ohio Christian Alliance has been working with the Friends of the WWII Memorial and the U.S. Parks Service for site selection and design approval, and with the Friends of the WWII Memorial for the project fundraising effort. The legislation stipulates that it shall not be paid for by tax dollars, but rather with private donations. Many people are not aware that most of the monuments in Washington were paid for by private donations through the years. Donations from across the country have been collected over the years toward the placement of the prayer, and OCA/CAA presented a \$20,000 check to the Friends of the WWII Memorial on the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. On that occasion, a temporary prayer plaque was dedicated to be on display at the Circle of Remembrance. The temporary prayer plaque served as a promissory note, a holding, until the funds would be collected for the addition of the full prayer at the Circle of Remembrance.

Although much appreciated small donations continued to come in from across the country, we were still a long way away from securing the needed funds. Believing that "through faith and patience we inherit the promise" (Hebrews 6:12), OCA President Chris Long called for prayer, assured that God was somehow going to provide all the resources needed to add the prayer to the WWII Memorial. Then, with time running out, the Lilly Endowment stepped forward with a \$2 million grant.

Final plans are being approved and construction should begin in December 2021 or January 2022, with a dedication date of June 6, 2022 - the 78th Anniversary of D-Day. Make plans to be with us on June 6, 2022 for the dedication ceremony of the D-Day Prayer at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. as we honor all our veterans and give glory to God. The Christian Alliance of America will be planning educational tours at the National and War Monuments, with the D-Day Prayer featured, led by historians Bill Federer and David Barton and other special guests. Details can be found at [www.ddayprayerproject.org](http://www.ddayprayerproject.org)







***WWII Memorial Prayer ACT S1044 was signed into law June 30, 2014. This legislative act will include FDR's D-Day Landing Prayer in its entirety at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.***

## *My Fellow Americans:*

Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our Allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest -- until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas, whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them -- help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons; faith in each other; faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment -- let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace -- a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.

**President Franklin D. Roosevelt - June 6, 1944**

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*Senator Rob Portman, sponsor of WWII Memorial Prayer Act (S. 1044) with Chris Long, President of Ohio Christian Alliance*

*Congressman Bill Johnson (OH District 6) U.S. House sponsor of WWII Memorial Prayer Act with George Poppy Fowler, Navy veteran who testified in support of the bill.*



**Phase II – We are working with U.S. Parks Service for the design and placement of the prayer at the Memorial.**