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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ISRAEL

CELEBRATING THE 76th ANNIVERSARY OF
ISRAEL'S MIRACULOUS FORMATION.





JOIN US...

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 2, 2024

At a time when our nation and world is in desperate need of God's intervention, let's prepare for and be a part of the National Day of Prayer!

This is an annual observance that dates back to the early days of our nation's history.

In the early days, various colonies and states observed days of fasting, prayer, and thanksgiving during times of crisis or celebration. These observances were often called by colonial governors or state legislatures and were seen as opportunities for the community to come together in worship and reflection.

The modern National Day of Prayer traces its origins to the mid-20th century. In 1952, a joint resolution of the United States Congress was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, declaring an annual National Day of Prayer. The resolution called on the President to set aside a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, for the American people to turn to God in prayer and meditation.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill designating the first Thursday in May as the official

observance of the National Day of Prayer. This legislation reaffirmed the nation's reliance on prayer and encouraged Americans to seek divine guidance in their personal and collective lives.

Since then, the National Day of Prayer has become an annual tradition, with events and gatherings held across the country. It is a time for believers to come together in prayer, seeking guidance, healing, and unity.

The history of the National Day of Prayer reflects the enduring role of religion in American life and the nation's commitment to spiritual values.

From its colonial origins to its modern observance, the National Day of Prayer serves as a reminder of the importance of faith, community, and unity in the American experience.

We will be broadcasting the National Day of Prayer event the evening of May 2nd. Be watching for all of the ways you can join this special program. Also, we encourage you to visit nationaldayofprayer.org to see how you can participate in a day of prayer event in your area.

COVER STORY: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL!

The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 marked a pivotal moment in the history of the Middle East.

Israel's State emerged from a complex historical backdrop shaped by centuries of Jewish diaspora, and the aftermath of World War II.

The roots of the Zionist movement, which sought to establish a homeland for the Jewish people, can be traced back to the late 19th century amid growing anti-Semitism in Europe.

The idea gained momentum, particularly after the Balfour Declaration of 1917, in which the British government expressed support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine.

Following the end of World War II and the horrors of the Holocaust, international sympathy for the Jewish cause intensified.

On May 14, 1948, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, declared the establishment of the State of Israel, just hours before the expiration of the British Mandate over Palestine. The declaration was met with jubilation among Jews worldwide.

This monumental date is celebrated by Jews and Gentiles alike as the realization of a long-held dream of statehood and independence.

Today, and always, as scripture commands, we stand with, and pray for, the people of Israel!

GET INVOLVED...

DON'T MESS WITH OUR KIDS! NEW MOVEMENT GAINS STEAM.

CTN is excited to partner with a new movement, *Don't Mess with Our Kids*.

It all started when a mom in Portland, Oregon, named Jenny Donnelly, felt led to encourage a *million moms* and their families to meet at our nation's capital to pray on **October 12, 2024**.

This event, held on the Day of Atonement, one of the holiest days in Israel, will focus on praying for the hearts and minds of our children, as they are daily bombarded with the "woke" agenda of the LGBTQ+ movement and our often-liberal school boards.

Moms and families will pray against pornography in our school libraries, abortion, gender confusion, and child trafficking ... and for more caring parents to stand up for our children in the days to come!

This is not a political rally, but a decree to pray, fast, and stand. In the meantime, she is encouraging us to go to our state capitols on **Saturday, April 13, from 1-3 p.m.** and have a prayer rally on the capitol steps from all over our country ... **Tallahassee to Austin to Sacramento!**

SUPPORT CTN USING YOUR IRA

Giving to non-profits from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) can indeed be a beneficial strategy for both the donor and the charitable organization.



Here is why it can be a great idea:

One of the primary advantages of donating directly from your IRA is the potential for tax savings.

If you are at least 70½ years old, you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization. The amount donated through a QCD can count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, and it is excluded from your taxable income.

This can be advantageous if you do not need the full amount of your RMD for living expenses and want to minimize your tax liability.

It also reduces your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). This can



Our own Jenn Mallan from "Come Home" is one of the media coordinators to help get this messaging out. She is very encouraged to see all these moms rise up to protect their kids!

For more information on the movement and how to get involved, go to our website at CTNonline.com.

have numerous benefits, including potentially reducing your Medicare premiums, minimizing the impact of the income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA) for Medicare Part B and Part D, and lowering the threshold for deducting medical expenses.

Giving from your IRA also empowers you to support causes you care about, such as the Christian Television Network. It is simple and convenient, and making charitable donations directly from your IRA can be a straightforward process.

We have a planned giving expert at CTN, Ms. Sharon Seward. She can help you to facilitate IRA distributions to CTN.

The government encourages philanthropy and supports the vital work of non-profit organizations by providing tax incentives for charitable donations from IRAs.

However, it is important to consult with a tax advisor or financial planner before making charitable donations from your IRA to ensure that it aligns with your overall financial goals and tax situation.

MANAGER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome John Lucena, General Manager.



Meet John Lucena, our new General Manager at our affiliate station, WFGC, in West Palm Beach, FL.

John was with CTN as the Operations Manager of our Spanish programming network, CTNi from 2003-2013. And we are blessed to welcome him back to the CTN family!

John was born in Brazil and brings a wonderful

international flavor to CTN. He has an ear for languages and is a translator in both Portuguese and Spanish. Because of his proficiency in languages, he is certified as a Trilingual interpreter for U.S. Homeland Security, USCIS, and Department of Justice.

He has worked with mass crusades for Benny Hinn, Morris Cerullo, and Myles Munroe.

Before coming to CTN, he worked with TBN as a Producer/Director of the *Praise the Lord* program for Brazil at their station in Phoenix.

John has been happily married for 30 years to Lidia, has two married daughters, two grandchildren, and is expecting his third.

His hobbies include traveling, gardening, Italian food, and rooting on the Dallas Cowboys.

He comes from a large family where he was the eighth and last child of Dutch Jewish father and an Amazon Indian mother. John has a heart for the lost and broken-hearted.

Fun fact about John: He was born on the world's largest island at the end of the Amazon River.

We are so grateful to have John manage our station in West Palm Beach, and look forward to all God will do to grow the ministry in that area.

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Make plans now to join us for awesome cars, motorcycles, food tents, great people, and many churches and non-profit organizations in attendance as well. We will be having live music as part of the day, so come prepared to raise your voice in worship and praise! ***We'll see you and your family there!***

Come join us at the England Brother Park in Pinellas Park, FL.



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