# National Day of Prayer

### Thursday, May 2, 2024

You are invited to join us at any of the following events:

## 12 p.m. Prayer Service

North steps of Coleman Pavilion Box lunches for the first 30 attendees



Featured Speaker: **Terry Swenson** Director, University Spiritual Care

12:30-2 p.m. Self-guided Prayer Experience Loma Linda University Church lobby

# Thursday-Saturday "God, Where Are You" Prayer Conference

May 2-4, 2024 Loma Linda University Church For more information, visit **Iluc.org**.



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# "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that

you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." - James 5:16, NIV

### Don't Miss Out On Prayer

One of the most amazing blessings at Loma Linda University Health is our Christ-centered mission. Jesus cares about people. Over my past 25 years of service here, one of the most effective ways I have been able to show patients they are cared for has been to pray with them during stressful, scary and difficult moments of their lives.

As people of faith in Christ, we are encouraged to "be anxious for nothing, but in everything" by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV)

Taking the time to ask a patient, "May I pray for you?" and then praying for them, not only invokes God's blessing on them — His touch, His peace, a sense of the Love of Christ but patients will often tearfully express gratitude and say that they will not forget that moment. It was something they really needed.

The late reverend Billy Graham said, "Prayer is for every moment of our lives, not just for times of suffering or joy. Prayer is really a place, a place where you meet God in genuine conversation."

When we pray, personally and with our patients, the focus changes from us just fixing a problem to something greater — Someone greater. That is the Lord. This means we have a conversation with Him on behalf of and with our patients. It means we invite Him to come and meet that individual where they are in a time of need, a time of hurting, and a time of opportunity. It is an opportunity for Jesus to show that He cares.

Go for it. Don't miss out on prayer.

- Regis Scoubart, RN Surgical Hospital