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Senator Rev. Ruben Diaz and The New York Hispanic Clergy

to Pray in the Statue of Liberty

You should know that the Yearly National Day of Prayers, this year will take place on Thursday May 3rd from 12:30-2:00 PM, and that every State of the Nation will be calling their residents to join the prayer for our Government and our Nation.

Here in New York City, we will be celebrating and praying in the Grounds of Liberty Island where the Statue of Liberty is located.

The organizers of the National Day of Prayer in New York have extended an invitation to the Members of the New York Hispanic Clergy Organization and myself to join them in a day of prayer on behalf of this Nation.

You should know that I have included in this column information from the National Day of Prayer.org website, and it goes as follow:

It was in 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized the addition of two powerful words to the Pledge of Allegiance, "Under God," stating: "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; In this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

The president, while sitting in Lincoln's pew, had been inspired by Reverend Docherty as he delivered a sermon based on the Gettysburg Address titled, "A New Birth of Freedom." President Eisenhower then challenged the citizens of this great nation to remember the God of our fathers as those two words captured "the characteristic and definitive factor in the American way of life."

The prayers of godly people in the United States are the strong thread that binds us together. Because we have been "One Nation Under God" for more than two centuries, we continue to enjoy the fruit of His blessings and the individual liberties we hold so dear. Godly people who know the value of earnest prayer are the backbone of our nation. As such, let us unite in the following prayer...

Lord, America needs your guidance and direction. We humbly ask that Your spirit intercede with the leaders of our nation, giving them the wisdom to make decisions that will honor You. We pray fervently for peace, both here and abroad. Let us live a life of reverence for You with peace in our hearts for our fellow man. May we always remember You are the Almighty King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May we be steadfast in our humble obedience to You and boldly declare that we are one people united through Your powerful name, indeed, one nation under God. Amen.

I am Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz and this is what you should know.