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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

" Pres. Ford:
Prayer is a very
personal thing for me "

January 27, 1975

5:30 pm

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD'S
ATTENDANCE AT THE
NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Washington Hilton Hotel
Thursday, January 30, 1975

7:40 am The Vice President arrives at the Washington
Hilton and proceeds to the Cabinet Room.

7:40 am The President and Mrs. Ford and Susan, Mike and
Gayle Ford board motorcade on South Grounds.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS South Grounds en route
Washington Hilton Hotel.

[Driving time: 7 minutes]

7:47 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES Washington Hilton Hotel.
Advanceman: (VIP Entrance)
Pete Sorum

The President and Mrs. Ford will be met by:

Former Representative John Dellenbach^v, Chairman
of the National Prayer Breakfast Committee
Earl McDonough, Washington Hilton General
Manager

POOL PRESS COVERAGE

The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by John
Dellenbach^v, proceed via elevator to Cabinet Room
to greet the Head Table guests.

7:47 am Susan, Mike and Gayle Ford are escorted to
their seats in the Ballroom.

7:50 am The President and Mrs. Ford arrive at the Cabinet Room.

NOTE: Dr. Billy Graham will offer a prayer to the Head Table guests.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 17

7:55 am The President and Mrs. Ford proceed to the Presidential Holding Room.

7:56 am The Head Table guests depart Cabinet Room and proceed to their seats.

7:58 am The Vice President is announced and proceeds to his seat.

NOTE: After the Head Table guests are seated, John Dellenbach will return to the Presidential Holding Room.

7:59 am The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by John Dellenbach, depart Presidential Holding Room en route off stage announcement area and pause for announcement.

8:00 am Announcement.

8:00 am The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by John Dellenbach, proceed onto Head Table platform and are seated.

WRITING PRESS POOL COVERAGE
(WITH OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE)
ATTENDANCE: 3000

8:01 am Opening song, "Let All the Nations Praise the Lord", by the Sanford University Choir.

8:04 am Opening remarks by John Dellenbach, Master of Ceremonies.

8:06 am Opening prayer by Maynard Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta.

8:10 am Call to Fellowship by Dr. Billy Graham.

- 8:13 am Breakfast is served.
- 8:25 am Introduction of the Head Table guests by John Dellenbach.
- 8:29 am Greetings from the House Breakfast Group by Rep. L. Richardson Preyer (D-N. C.).
- 8:34 am Old Testament Reading by Judge Oliver Gasch, U. S. District Court.
- 8:37 am Greetings from the Senate Breakfast Group by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.).
- 8:42 am New Testament Reading by Elizabeth Hanford, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.
- 8:45 am Prayer for National Leaders by Governor Reuben Askew (D-Fla.).
- 8:49 am Message by Rep. Albert Quie (R-Minn.).
- 8:59 am Introduction of the President by John Dellenbach.
- 9:00 am Presidential remarks.

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- 9:10 am Remarks conclude.
- 9:10 am Closing song, "The Lord's Prayer," by the Sanford University Choir.
- 9:13 am Closing prayer by Harold Hughes.
- 9:15 am The President and Mrs. Ford, escorted by John Dellenbach, depart Head Table en route motorcade for boarding.
- 9:15 am Susan Ford, Mike and Gayle Ford are escorted from their seats to the motorcade for boarding.

NOTE: John Dellenbach will bid farewell at the motorcade.

NOTE: The Vice President will depart immediately following the President and Mrs. Ford

9:18 am The President and Mrs. Ford board motorcade.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS Washington Hilton Hotel en route South Grounds.

[Driving time: - 7 minutes]

9:25 am MOTORCADE ARRIVES South Grounds.



National Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, January 30, 1975

International Ballroom — Washington Hilton Hotel

Washington, D. C.

National Prayer Breakfast

PROGRAM

- OPENING SONG _____ "Let all the Nations Praise the Lord"
Samford University Choir
- PRESIDING _____ The Honorable John Dellenback
Chairman, National Prayer Breakfast
- OPENING PRAYER _____ The Honorable Maynard Jackson
Mayor, City of Atlanta, Georgia
- CALL TO FELLOWSHIP _____ Dr. Billy Graham

BREAKFAST

- INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE
AND STATEMENT _____ The Honorable John Dellenback
- GREETINGS FROM THE HOUSE
BREAKFAST GROUP _____ The Honorable Richardson Preyer
U.S. House of Representatives
- OLD TESTAMENT READING _____ The Honorable Oliver Gasch
Judge, U.S. District Court
- GREETINGS FROM THE SENATE
BREAKFAST GROUP _____ The Honorable Sam Nunn
U.S. Senate
- NEW TESTAMENT
READING _____ The Honorable Elizabeth Hanford
Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission
- PRAYER FOR
NATIONAL LEADERS _____ The Honorable Reuben Askew
Governor, State of Florida
- MESSAGE _____ The Honorable Albert Quie
U.S. House of Representatives

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

- CLOSING SONG _____ "The Lord's Prayer"
Samford University Choir
- CLOSING PRAYER _____ The Honorable Harold Hughes

*The Lord looks out from heaven,
he sees the whole race of men;
he surveys from his dwelling-place
all the inhabitants of earth.
It is he who fashions the hearts of all alike,
who discerns all that they do.
A king is not saved by a great army,
nor a warrior delivered by great strength.
A man cannot trust his horse to save him,
nor can it deliver him for all its strength.
The Lord's eyes are turned towards those who fear him,
towards those who hope for his unfailling love
to deliver them from death,
to keep them alive in famine.*

PSALM 33

The breakfast we are being served this morning is simpler than usual. This decision was made as a symbolic recognition of pressing human needs that exist in many parts of the world. Hopefully, less waste and consumption on our part will be translated into a sharing with people throughout the world who live in hunger.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Washington Hilton Hotel

Thursday - January 30, 1975

Departure: 7:40 A.M.

Attire: Business Suit

From: Terry O'Donnell **TOD**

BACKGROUND:

The 23rd Annual National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the House and Senate Prayer Breakfast groups. Included in the 3000 guests will be national leaders from the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of government as well as Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

You will meet the head table guests in the Washington Hilton's Cabinet Room, and be on hand for both the breakfast and program portion of the event, during which you will be called upon for remarks.

SEQUENCE:

- 7:40 a.m. You and Mrs. Ford, Susan, Mike and Gayle board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Washington Hilton Hotel.
- 7:47 a.m. Arrive Washington Hilton Hotel where you will be met by:
Former Representative John Dellenbach^k, Chairman of the
National Prayer Breakfast Committee
Earl McDonough, Washington Hilton General Manager

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

Escorted by John Dellenbach, proceed via elevator to Cabinet Room to greet the Head Table guests.

Susan, Mike and Gayle Ford will walk downstairs where they will be met by Billy Zeoli who will escort them to their table where they will join Mrs. Zeoli, Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeVos and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rustand.

7:50 a.m. • You and Mrs. Ford arrive at the Cabinet Room.

NOTE: Dr. Billy Graham will offer a prayer.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 17

7:55 a.m. You and Mrs. Ford proceed to the holding room to allow time for the other guests to depart Cabinet Room and proceed to their seats.

7:58 a.m. The Vice President is announced and proceeds to his seat.

NOTE: After the Head Table guests are seated, John Dellenbach will return to the Presidential holding room.

7:59 a.m. You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by John Dellenbach, depart holding room en route off-stage announcement area.

Announcement.

8:00 a.m. Escorted by John Dellenbach, you and Mrs. Ford proceed onto head table platform and take your seats.

NOTE: You and Mrs. Ford sit in the 2nd and 3rd seats, stage right. On your left is John Dellenbach. On Mrs. Ford's right is Elizabeth Hanford, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.

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You are introduced by John Dellenbach.

9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.

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9:10 a.m.

Your remarks conclude.

Closing song, "The Lord's Prayer"
by the Sanford University Choir.

Closing prayer by Harold Hughes.

9:15 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by John Dellenbach,
depart Head Table en route motorcade for boarding.

9:15 a.m.

Susan Ford, Mike and Gayle Ford are
escorted by Billy Zeoli to the motorcade
for boarding. Susan will depart on her own
for Holton Arms.

9:18 a.m.

Board motorcade and depart en route South Grounds.

9:25 a.m.

Arrive South Grounds.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 30, 1975

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE
23RD ANNUAL NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL

9:11 A.M. EST

Mr. Vice President, my good friends from the Congress, my associates in the Executive Branch and our fellow workers in government from the various states and local communities, ladies and gentlemen:

Al Quie is a very hard man to follow, whether in political debate, and especially at a prayer session. There are very few people I know who demonstrate better the truth that to be a leader one must first be a servant, and Al is indeed a diligent servant of God and of his fellow men.

Yes, I have been fortunate to know, during a few years in Washington, many, many others who have the same strength, the same feeling, and it has been a great experience for me.

The platform on which we are standing this morning -- standing in the need of a prayer, as the old spiritual goes -- is broad enough and strong enough to hold politicians of all elements of all parties, men and women of many different convictions, both religious and political convictions. The beauty of Joseph's coat is its many colors, and the beauty of these prayer breakfasts is the many faiths they bring together. We are joined in the profound realization that none of us can go it alone and that we do not need to go it alone if we seek the help of God and of our fellowship.

While I have been coming to these annual gatherings for a good many years, I must admit that this one takes on a little different meaning. In the past, I have found the opportunity for reflection and for rededication and, on occasion, to pray for our country and its leaders, for my friends and my loved ones, for the courage to do what is right and forgiveness for my own shortcomings and trespasses.

But, since we last met, I have discovered another aspect of the power of prayer. I have learned how important it is to have people pray for me. It is often said that the Presidency is the loneliest job in the world. Yes, and in a certain sense, I suppose it is. Yet, in all honesty, I cannot say that I have suffered from loneliness these past six months.

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The reason, I am certain, has been that everywhere I go, among old friends or among strangers, people call out from the crowd or will say quietly to me "We're praying for you," or "You are in our prayers," and I read the same sentiments in my mail. Of course, there are some that are not so inspiring, but the great ground swell of good will that comes from the true spirit of America has been a wonderful source of strength to me as it was, I am sure, to other Presidents before me. Believe me, having counted the votes and knowing that you have them is a great satisfaction, but the satisfaction of knowing that uncounted numbers of good people are praying for you is infinitely more rewarding.

Prayer is a very, very personal thing, at least for me. Yet, to me, as many of my predecessors, it is a terribly important source of strength and confidence.

Now, I am able to truly appreciate that statement attributed to Abraham Lincoln, who confessed, and I quote: "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I have nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seem insufficient for that day."

President John F. Kennedy spoke to one of these prayer breakfasts a few months before his tragic death. Many of you will remember his moving conclusion, and let me share it with you: "This morning we pray together, this evening apart, but each morning and each evening, let us remember the advice of my fellow Bostonian, the Reverend Phillip Brooks: 'Do not pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your tasks.'"

On the day that I suddenly became President of the United States, after all the guests had gone, I walked through some of the empty rooms on the first floor of the White House and stopped by that marble mantle in the dining room to read the words carved in it -- words that were a prayer of the first President who ever occupied the White House: "I pray to heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house and all that shall hereafter inhabit it."

John Adams wrote, "May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

I am grateful to President Adams for leaving that message and to all who have said amen to it for nearly two centuries.

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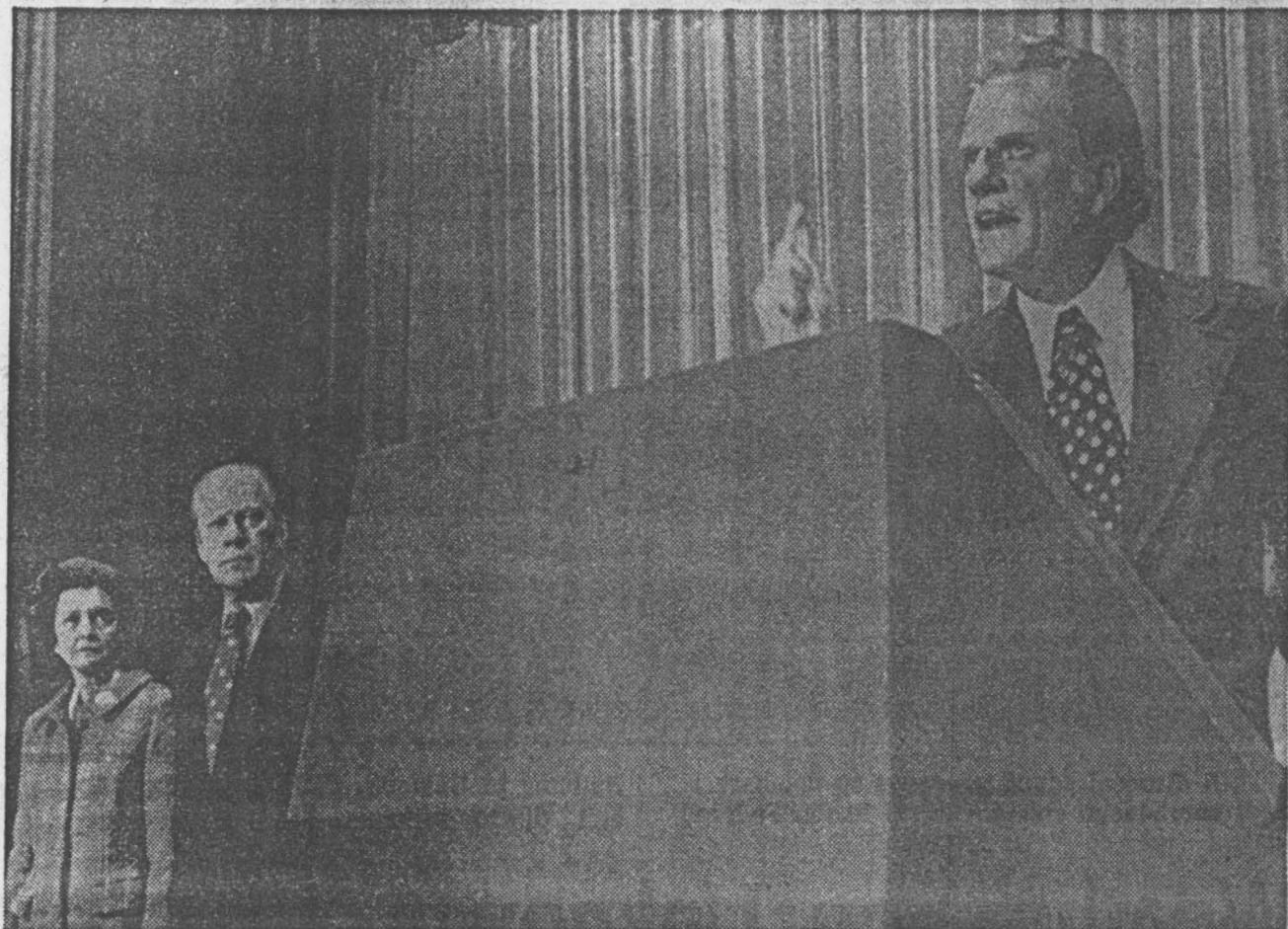
My own prayer is for God's continued blessing and God's continued guidance for our country and all its people whose servants we in government strive to be.

It had been my intention to suggest we have a prayer together at this point, but Harold Hughes will follow. Let me just say, I hope, at some time during this day, each in your own way, if you think it appropriate, will pause to ask God's blessing upon our Nation, our leaders in the Executive, the Legislative, leaders in all forms of government throughout this country and, yes, to all our people, and when you have finished, I think we can say that we should thank our Father for listening, in Jesus' name, amen.

END

(AT 9:20 A.M. EST)

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Thursday, January 30, 1975



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FORDS AT PRAYER BREAKFAST

President and Mrs. Ford listen to an address by Rev. Billy Graham at the annual

National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton Hotel today.