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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS AT PRESIDENTIAL ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER  
PROCLAMATIONS OF AMERICA COLLECTION IN OVAL OFFICE  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 1975

1. I am very pleased that all of you are here today -- and I am pleased to accept this first known collection of American Prayer Proclamations -- dating back to 1775. From the beginning of this nation, prayer has been one of the greatest strengths of our country and our people. It has been a source of unity for all of us -- no matter what our individual beliefs may have been -- or are.

2. Today, we are doing our best to unify our people -- to create more unity in all aspects of our national life. The fact that you are here -- representing all faiths -- indicates that prayer has and will continue to be a great source of national unity. We are a blessed country. But we still have a long way to go to reach America's goals. We need to pray for the wisdom to attain them.

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3. As you know, I have proclaimed next Thursday, July 24, as a "National Day of Prayer." I will -- and I know that many Americans will -- take some time to thank God for what He has given all of us.

4. This is an historic book and I hope we can do more things like it to show the traditional place of prayer in our history. I am very grateful to receive it and thank all of you.

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