



BOWMAN FRANCIS MINISTRY

AKOBEN (WAR HORN) WAR HORN IS A SYMBOLIC SUMMON OR CALL TO ARMS, READINESS AND VOLUNTEERISM

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE BLACK FAMILY

Father God, we lay before you our African American Families. We offer you thanks for the gift of our families. Help us Christ Jesus to pray together, to work together, to live together and to unite for love, peace, and harmony in our family relationships. May we always remember where we came from, where the seeds to our heritage began. May we always remember who we are and whose we are.

Almighty God who knows our fears and wipe our tears give us the grace to accept each other's faults, transgressions, and weaknesses. Place your loving hands on our souls to forgive those who have wronged us, who have hurts us and who have abused us. Our divine protector and provider of all things, protect our families from harsh words and hurt feelings. May we always forgive each other's failings and rejoice in one another's successes.

Lord God, bless our parents and grandparents. I pray that you will come down from heaven, walk through our homes and touch our families. Precious Lord we bind generational curses, we bind poverty and hunger, we bind homelessness, disease, unjust laws, and the sin of racism. Oh, God of divine love and liberation, we remind you of your holy word that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand, and every city and every house that is divided will come to ruin. So we ask you God in the name of Jesus your Son, and our Redeemer that you will stretch out your hand to heal, that you would come by here and touch generations, that you would come by here and touch those in authority, that you would come by here and touch those families even in the utmost places, that you would come by here and bring unity to our community and country.

Bless those with a healing anointing who are less fortunate, especially those who has loss their mothers and their fathers. Those are broken hearted and sick from this horrible Covid virus and variants that has taken so many loved ones from us and left families lost, lonely, angry, financially scorned and confused. Bless us Lord God with good health, wealth, and happiness. Fill your families with hearts of prayer, power of will, purpose, perseverance, patience, and peace for one another, now and always. We ask that St. Joseph our patron Saint of marriage and family to intercede on our behalf. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior now and forever.

You Matter to God,

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