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Prayer Events Planned for National Day of Prayer

Tillamook residents can take advantage of several ways of participating in this year's National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7.

"We can't have a prayer train this year," says Linda Hanratty, president of the Tillamook County Wide Prayer Team. Instead, residents can participate in ways best suited to themselves, including self-guided car prayer tours, a prayer walk in Garibaldi, or by going online to various local and national prayer formats throughout the day.

With COVID-19 social distancing measures in effect, a Prayer Car Tour is one idea residents may choose and go at their own pace. A prayer guide for this - specific to Tillamook County - is downloadable from the Tillamook County Wide Prayer team at tcwpt.org. It will also be available to pick up at Tillamook City Hall at 10 am Thursday. These guides will also be available Thursday at 10 am at city halls in Rockaway and Bay City, at the Hebo Christian Center; and at 10:45am at Wheeler City Hall. Neskowin residents can meet at 10 am at their city bus stop. A prayer walk starting at 9:00am is planned for Garibaldi. For details on this prayer walk, contact Lauri Norman at 971-275-2681.

"This is a time to put the flags in the back of your pickup... to have flags flying out your windows. Kind of like after 911 - everywhere you looked there were flags - off car antennas, out of windows, everywhere. It'll be good for the morale of our city," says Hanratty. "We will pray for our leaders, our health care workers, our schools, our businesses, for those who are out of work to find jobs and ways to support their families."

"This has the ability to be grass roots and gloriously fun and upbeat," she said. "We want to pray for our nation, our community and healing and protection from the COVID-19 virus and its effects on every part of our community."

Additional information on the 69th National Day of Prayer and ways to be involved is also available online at www.nationaldayofprayer.org

May 7 will also launch the beginning of 50 days of prayer for the County. Many Tillamook County churches and prayer groups will be participating, says Hanratty. The "50 Days of Prayer Oregon Coast" book, written specifically for the Tillamook County area, is available through local churches, or through the Tillamook County Wide Prayer website at www.tcwpt.org. A Tillamook County Reading Guide, which supplements the book, is also available in downloadable format from the website.

The newly published paperback, "50 Days of Prayer Oregon Coast" by Linda Hanratty and Terry Blaser, is also available through Amazon for \$7.99. This is the first time the book has been available online through Amazon.

"Join us as we pray in blessings! Your prayers help!" says Hanratty.

Last year, more than 160 gathered aboard a first-ever historic "Prayer Train" and prayed while traveling north and south of Garibaldi on the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad. The 4.5 hour trip drew a variety of locals including students, parents, grandparents, pastors, first responders, city councilors, business professionals and others.

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