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GREATER IS COMING

DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: PROMOTE PEACE THROUGH SERVICE



Rev. Linda Ivey

While traditionally, July is a time for vacations and relaxing, it can also be a time to help others in our community. Nelson Mandela once requested that his legacy be honored through community service rather than birthday celebrations. So, on July 18—*Nelson Mandela International Day*—we pay tribute to his life's work by dedicating time to those in need through community service.

Mandela, like many prophets, was persecuted for his belief that we are all made in the image of God and that God is no respecter of persons. In 1963, Mandela, the leader of the liberation movement against apartheid, was imprisoned for 27 years. Unfortunately, most of Mandela's ministry was done from his prison cell, but like Paul, Mandela never gave up or gave in to his persecutors. Even as a political

prisoner, Mandela advocated for human rights. Like Martin Luther King, he never stopped declaring that we are all one in Christ Jesus and should be treated fairly and with respect. Mandela wrote about the harshness and cruelties of apartheid, which gave white South Africans rights, but made it illegal for black South Africans to have the same rights and privileges given to their white neighbors: jobs, housing, transportation, health care, education, and fresh food.

In 1990, after world-wide outcry, Mandela was finally released from prison and in 1994, he became the first black President of South Africa until 1999. His first official act as president was to dismantle South Africa's apartheid government system. The world still struggles with indifference and inequality. Mandela, like Jesus, believed each person has the potential to change the world by extending, love, grace and kindness. Start where you live: take a friend to bible study or to your Sunday church service, host an outdoor bible study, encourage community service on your family chat, Facebook or IG page by giving a shoutout to a worthy community project, take a friend with you to volunteer and serve at a food pantry, or help harvest vegetables at a community garden.

Remember, Christ said, when you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for me.

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While we try to keep the information timely and accurate, we make no guarantees. Services provided by listed organizations and businesses are the sole responsibility of the organization or business.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Romans 2:11

For God does not show favoritism.

Matthew 25:40

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Acts 10:34

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.



with Ashanti Raysor :::

::: Nelson Mandela International Day: A Call to Service, Peace and Unity

Of the many holidays we choose to celebrate each year there are a few that become forgotten. With those few comes Nelson Mandela International Day, celebrated on the 18th of July, honoring the life and legacy of a leader whose commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity transformed not only a nation, but inspired generations across the globe. Mandela's journey reminds us that lasting change is built through courage, forgiveness, and a steadfast belief in the power of people working together.

The United Nations established Nelson Mandela International Day to encourage individuals to dedicate at least 67 minutes of service to others – one minute for each year Mandela devoted to public service. While this act may seem small, it reflects a powerful truth: meaningful change often begins with simple acts of kindness and compassion.

In a world often divided by conflict, misunderstanding, and uncertainty, Mandela's message of reconciliation remains as relevant today as ever. He understood that peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice, respect, and opportunities for all people to thrive. His leadership demonstrated that healing communities require both accountability and grace, and that unity is strongest when built upon mutual understanding.

As we reflect on Mandela's legacy, we are challenged to consider how we can contribute to peace within our own communities. Community service is one of the most tangible ways to put our values into action. Whether mentoring a young person, volunteering at a local organization, supporting a neighbor in need, or simply extending kindness to someone facing hardship, every act of service helps strengthen the fabric of our communities.

At Your Destiny Is Here, Inc., we believe that creating positive change begins with individuals who are willing to serve, uplift, and empower others. Nelson Mandela's example reminds us that each of us has the ability to make a difference, regardless of our position or circumstances. Through service, we foster connection. Through understanding, we promote reconciliation. Through collective action, we build stronger and more peaceful communities.

This Nelson Mandela International Day, let us recommit ourselves to being agents of hope and healing. Let us choose dialogue over division, compassion over indifference, and service over self-interest. Together, we can

continue the work of building a world where peace, justice, and human dignity are not just ideals, but realities for all.

*“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived.
It is what difference we have made to the lives of others.” – Nelson Mandela*

TRIVIA QUESTION...

How long was Nelson Mandela President of South Africa???

(Answer on last page)



PLACES FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



Looking to learn more about God and gain insight into His Word? Explore the list of resources below! If you have a recommendation for a place that provides spiritual enrichment, please let us know so we can add it to the list. Thank you!

- ▶ 'Girl Talk' | Every Sunday, 2pm - 3 pm on :
Facebook: WTGB or online: <https://tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/>
- ▶ Abiding Love Deliverance Center | 1520 West Blvd. Suite I, Charlotte, NC 28208
Sabbath Worship Experience Saturday 11am - Live Streaming via Zoom
Password: JESUSJOY / Apostles Tomy and Stephanie D. Jordan
- ▶ Ascension Church | Services held inside Tinley Temple Methodist Church
750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA 19146 | Pastor John Brice
- ▶ Change Church | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060
Sunday morning worship - 11:30am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
- ▶ Dare to Imagine Church | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
- ▶ Ebenezer Baptist Church | 2259 N. 10th Street, Phila., PA 19133
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Malcom Medley
- ▶ Faith Chapel Church | 108 E Price St, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am | Pastor John H. Graves
- ▶ Mediator Lutheran Church | 2845 N. 28th Street, Phila., PA 19132
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia - 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am - Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
- ▶ Polite Temple Baptist Church - 38 E. Price Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning Worship - 10:00am - Pastor Bernadine Waterman
- ▶ Providence Baptist Church - 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am - Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
- ▶ Temple of Divine Love Church - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.



RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication listed resources were available. Please contact to verify accessibility.

Feel free to share with friends, family, neighbors, social media and ministry groups, etc., or post on bulletin boards.

If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you

FREE FOOD & PRODUCE

- ▶ Various Philadelphia Free Libraries (freelibrary.org) have lunch programs for adults and children Check your local library listings.
- ▶ Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm - 4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- ▶ LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals Finder: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>
- ▶ Philly Pantries on Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Share Food Program, Find Food: Call 215-223-2220 or [CLICK HERE](#) or insert the following URL in your browser: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/>
- ▶ Share Food Program, Food Map by County: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/>

OTHER

- ▶ Clark Park Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ [East Falls Farmers' Market](#): Saturdays - 11 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets Finder: <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ [The Food Trust](#): Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

HEALTH & HEALING RESOURCES

- ▶ City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health ([city of Philadelphia health centers](#)) operates health clinics that offer free services regardless of your ability to pay. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#).
- ▶ [North Philadelphia Resource Hub](#) at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120, <https://www.misaludwellness.org>, offering the following services and much more:
 - Free At-Home Covid-19 & HIV Test Kits Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm Fri - 8:30 - 3:30
 - Free Walk-in Health Screenings - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)
Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm
- ▶ For COVID-19 vaccine locations near you [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ For [COVID-19 testing site](#) [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ For Mental Health help or support [CLICK HERE](#).

▶ [Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) | dial 988

If you are experiencing mental health distress or if you are considering self-harm, the 988 Lifeline can help. Life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.

[CLICK HERE for more info.](#)

ALL AROUND RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE

▶ [Prevention Hotline](#) | dial 211

If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Specialists will listen to your needs and provide information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our [search page](#) to explore programs available in your community by categories such as financial assistance, housing, and food. You can also connect with a resource specialist via [chat](#) during business hours. [CLICK HERE.](#)

While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911

▶ PECO is giving away **free fans** through local senior centers to senior citizens age 60 and older. Contact Philadelphia Corporation on Aging (pca cares.org) or PCA Heatline 215.765.9040

HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

▶ Eviction Prevention Project 267.443.2500. If you are at risk of being evicted from your rented apartment or house, the agencies listed below may be able to help. [The Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Project](#) offers resources for tenants. Learn more about the [legal help](#) they offer, or visit their website for information on [direct negotiation](#). If you think you are the victim of unfair rental practices or unsafe housing conditions, contact the [Fair Housing Commission](#). This list is maintained by the [Office of Homeless Services](#) (OHS).



▶ [Smoke Alarms](https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/) - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/>
Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online](#).



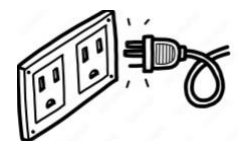
▶ [Philadelphia Water Department Financial Assistance Programs](#)
If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department has programs that may help you. For a view of the options available visit: <https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/>



▶ [PECO Customer Relief Fund](#) - PECO offers programs and services to help those in need, including energy assistance, help for customers with special needs, and ways for neighbors to help neighbors. [CLICK HERE for more info.](#)



▶ [PGW](#) - Beginning November 1, 2025 PGW will not disconnect service for residential customers who are participating in PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) or who have directed their LIHEAP grant to PGW this year in an early application with the Department of Human Services (DHS). To enroll in CRP call 215-235-1000 or [CLICK HERE to Apply Online](#)



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

▶ **Philadelphia School District Relaunches Parent and Family University**

Philadelphia school leaders are reinvesting in parent education to improve student outcomes and build trust between families and the district. They've announced the relaunch of the district's **Parent and Family University** program. Parents will be able to access new resources, like online classes, physical and mental health information, and tools to support their children's learning. In-person sessions will feature free babysitting and childcare services, food, and other resources. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)

▶ **Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center**

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support student's success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. For more information call [215-400-4000](tel:215-400-4000) or go to:

<https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/>

▶ **Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs**

Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows and fundraisers: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>

▶ **Free Classes** - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness. **CLICK** the links below for info...

- [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
- [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)
- [Adult education through the Office of Children and Families](#)

Celebrations this month...



Nelson Mandela International Day
July 18th

CELEBRATING PHILADELPHIA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY:

- ▶ [CLICK HERE for July 2026 Events in Philly](#)
- ▶ [CLICK HERE for Wawa Welcome America: Fireworks & Festivities for America's 250th Birthday](#)
 - ▶ Summer Events in Philly 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)
 - ▶ [CLICK HERE for Philly's It's A Summer Thing!](#)
- ▶ [CLICK HERE for info about Saturday Firstivals: 52 Weeks of Celebrations.](#)
 - ▶ [CLICK HERE for more about the year-long celebration.](#)

Children's Corner

1st Things First – The Word for this month is "SUMMER". Summer is the warmest season of the year, has the longest daylight hours and the highest temperatures. In the Bible, summer represents the time of harvest, spiritual urgency, and divine provision. How many common words can you make out of the word "**SUMMER**"? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours. (It's not cheating if you use the dictionary, in fact we encourage you to.)

2nd Thing - Last Month's word was **FATHER**. Our Google search says there are approximately 85 or so words that can be made of **FATHER**. Here's our top list of 43 words. How many words did you come up with?

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| 1. after | 10. era | 19. frat | 28. hear | 37. rath |
| 2. are | 11. far | 20. fret | 29. heart | 38. ref |
| 3. arf | 12. fare | 21. ha | 30. heat | 39. tar |
| 4. art | 13. fart | 22. haft | 31. heft | 40. tare |
| 5. at | 14. fat | 23. hare | 32. her | 41. tea |
| 6. ate | 15. fate | 24. hat | 33. raft | 42. tear |
| 7. ear | 16. fear | 25. hate | 34. rah | 43. the |
| 8. earth | 17. feat | 26. hater | 35. rat | |
| 9. eat | 18. feta | 27. he | 36. rate | |

Now on to More Fun! (Click underlined links for details.)

- ▶ Various Philadelphia Free Libraries (freelibrary.org) have lunch programs, summer classes for adults and children, and children's recreational activities from 10AM until 3PM. Check your local library listings.
- ▶ Philadelphia Parks and Recreation (phila.gov/services/culture & recreation) is still accepting applications for their over 100 free community-based summer camps (ages 6-12) and over 60 local public pools (all ages).
- ▶ Fairmount Park Conservatory (myphillypark.org) is sponsoring free family movies at local parks throughout the City. Check for movies in your local area.
- ▶ Friends of FDR Park and Jazz & Other Soulful Sounds hosts free "Not Just Jazz" summer music concert series on Tuesday evenings, (and a couple Saturdays), at 1900 Patterson Ave. [CLICK HERE for details.](#)

Other Things To Do

- ▶ Explore Historic Germantown. [CLICK HERE for details.](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid-Friendly Activities. [CLICK HERE.](#)
- ▶ 40+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ 25+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ The 41 Essential Things to Do in Philadelphia (By a Local). [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Kids Out & About.com (includes the following)...[CLICK HERE](#)
 - Big List of Kid Friendly Museums in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Indoor Play Centers in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Escape Rooms in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Mommy Poppins - All Events for All Ages: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: [CLICK HERE](#)

DISCOVERY...



To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.
 – Nelson Mandela

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TRIVIA QUESTION...

How long was Nelson Mandela President of South Africa?

THE ANSWER...

Nelson Mandela was President of South Africa for 5 years.



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