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Global Day of Prayer Live Satellite Event Broadcast from United States for First Time in 11-Year History

One-half billion individuals expected to unite in Jacksonville, Fla.,
June 11 for worship through praise and prayer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 6, 2011 – The annual Global Day of Prayer event, held June 11, and extended worldwide via satellite, will originate from a U. S. city for the first time in the 11-year history of the global movement.

The annual Global Day of Prayer event unites Christians for worship through praise and prayer while mobilizing the church to become involved in social issues, such as redeveloping urban areas, feeding the poor, clothing the unclothed and supporting the oppressed. Last year more than 400 million people joined together for the Global Day of Prayer celebration, broadcast from Cape Town, South Africa. This year it is expected that one-half billion will participate, making it the largest prayer gathering in the history of the world.

“It is historic to have the center of this international prayer movement in the U.S. for the first time,” said Walter Bennett, Global Day of Prayer Conference Organizer. “In addition to the live satellite program, which will unite Christians worldwide, we’ve added two pre-conferences to this year’s activities, allowing the opportunity for individuals to join together in in-depth discussions regarding leadership, worship and prayer.”

The Foundations for Transformation Conference will take place June 9, focusing on the topics of marketplace ministry, entertainment and leadership, followed by the Worship 1st Conference June 10, which will provide teaching and training in all aspects of worship, including vocals, song writing, dancing, and audio and visual production. Each conference, held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, will include evening concerts featuring noted praise and worship leaders Dove-Award winning Christian singer and songwriter Don Moen and INO Recording Artist Phil Wickham.

The Global Day of Prayer commemoration will conclude on Saturday, June 11 with a worldwide telecast beginning at 6:30 p.m. EDT. South African businessman Graham

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Power, who founded Global Day of Prayer in 2000, will share milestones of the movement's 11-year history and conduct live phone interviews with a number of the individuals participating in their own country halfway around the world. The entire broadcast will be streamed live on God TV.

Emanating from the Jacksonville Veteran's Memorial Arena, the four-hour program will feature Moen; Wickham; Henry Blackaby, founder of Blackaby Ministries and author of the bestselling book, "Experiencing God;" Bishop McLaughlin, founding pastor of The Potter's House Christian Fellowship; Stovall Weems, pastor of Celebration Church; Ron Kenoly, founder of Ron Kenoly Ministries; Grammy Nominee Ricardo Sanchez; actor and singer Pat Boone; and the Ballet Magnificat, along with a 1,000 voice choir, a 150-piece orchestra, and over 100 Scottish regimental drums and bagpipers.

The Global Day of Prayer was founded when Power felt called to encourage Christians from all denominations in Cape Town, South Africa for a Day of Repentance and Prayer at Newlands Rugby Stadium; to challenge Christians across the rest of South Africa to unite in a Day of Repentance and Prayer; and to challenge Christians in Southern Africa to unite in a Day of Repentance and Prayer. Since that time, the event has since grown to participation from 220 nations.

"It is amazing to see how God took this small vision he gave me and has grown it into such a powerful ministry," said Power. "We look forward to what He will do this year and would love to have you be part."

For information about participating in any of the Global Day of Prayer Fort Lauderdale events, visit <http://www.fcgdop.org>. Information about other U.S. events, including the global broadcast, can be found at <http://www.gdopusa.org>.

The Global Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement which started in Cape Town, South Africa in 2000. More than 400 million Christians in 220 countries participated in the Global Day of Prayer in 2010. The purpose of the event is to call Christians to unite in repentance and prayer and encourage them to work together as God's servants for the blessing and healing of the Nations. For additional information, visit <http://www.fcgdop.org>.

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