



Dear Government Leader,

Thank you for participating in this extraordinary initiative *PrayUSA: Government Leaders Calling the Nation to Prayer*. You are part of an unprecedented number of elected officials who are uniting to create a critical and timely nationwide call of unceasing prayer and a return to our spiritual roots.

The overwhelming response to this initiative is proof that your bold and courageous stand is giving citizens hope.

There are a few specific ways that you can advance this Call to Prayer.

- 1) Sign the proclamation online at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com) or on a printed Proclamation
- 2) Make your colleagues aware of the PrayUSA initiative and encourage them to get involved.
- 3) Participate in a Proclamation signing ceremony in a church

I have included in this packet everything you need to participate in this PrayUSA initiative including:

- 1) Instructions for promoting PrayUSA and participating in a Proclamation Signing Ceremony
- 2) Talking Points (Addendum 1)
- 3) A sample Email to send to your colleagues. (Addendum 2)
- 4) The Call to Prayer for America Proclamation (Addendum 3)

Additional information can be found at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com).

In God We Trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lea Carawan  
Executive Director

## **INVITING GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO SIGN**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR INVITING YOUR COLLEAGUES TO SIGN ONLINE AT [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com):**

Send an email to your colleagues inviting them to sign the Call to Prayer Proclamation (Feel free to use the Email template provided in ADDENDUM 1 or create your own.)

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR INVITING YOUR COLLEAGUES TO SIGN A PRINTED PROCLAMATION:**

- Download and print the Proclamation at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com), or email [JessicaYoung@CPCFoundation.com](mailto:JessicaYoung@CPCFoundation.com) to have Proclamations sent directly to you.
  - Each Proclamation can accommodate about 30 signatures.
  - The Proclamation(s) will be mailed to you in a tube with pre-addressed, pre-paid return postage.
- Circulate the Proclamation among other government leaders for signing.
- On a separate sheet of paper, list the title and name of each signer.
- Put the signed Proclamation and the list in the tube and mail it back to CPCF using the pre-addressed, pre-paid postage.
- The proclamation will be scanned and included with the other Proclamations which will be available to view at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com).

## **PARTICIPATING IN A CALL TO PRAYER PROCLAMATION SIGNING CEREMONY AT CHURCHES**

### **HOW TO HOST A CALL TO PRAYER PROCLAMATION SIGNING CEREMONY**

- At the ceremony:
  - Encourage the church to play the PrayUSA video at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com).
  - Read the Proclamation
  - Invite the congregation to sign the Proclamation.
- (OPTIONAL) After the ceremony you are invited send a picture or story of your signing ceremony for the website. Send all correspondence to [JessicaYoung@CPCFoundation.com](mailto:JessicaYoung@CPCFoundation.com).

## **GENERAL PRAYUSA PROMOTION**

### **HOW TO PROMOTE**

Use 3-minute PrayUSA video and downloadable materials available at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com) to promote the PrayUSA initiative. Use the material however you can to bring awareness through your spheres of influence. Material is available for email, social media, traditional media and church environments.

## **ADDENDUM 1**

### **TALKING POINTS**

- An extraordinary, nationwide prayer initiative spearheaded by government leaders was birthed on March 7, 2015 at the LIFFT America Religious Liberty Summit in Charlotte, NC.
- The Summit was convened by the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation along with Congressman J. Randy Forbes and Senator James Lankford, co-chairs of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.
- 16 members of Congress and 36 state legislators (representing 25 states) gathered to coordinate a tactical strategy to effectively challenge the growing anti-faith movement in our country.
- The consensus among participants was that people of faith can no longer sit idly by and passively watch as our nation's history and Judeo-Christian heritage are being rewritten with a false narrative.
- Some may consider our country too far gone and slipping beyond the brink into a chasm of godlessness, but we know there is hope.
- Throughout history, the Lord has often used a small group of God-fearing, freedom-loving people committed to prayer and standing for truth in order to transform a nation.
- John Quincy Adams said, "Duty is ours; results are God's."
- The highlight of the Summit was a strong and earnest commitment by government leaders to call the nation to prayer.
- The overarching goal: For God's people in America to join with one heart and one voice to pray for the United States and her leaders.
- In a solemn and historic ceremony, all who were present signed a *Call to Prayer for America Proclamation*.
- I invite you to add your names to this Proclamation today.

## **ADDENDUM 2**

### **SAMPLE EMAIL TO SEND TO LEGISLATORS**

Dear [Legislator]

Subject: Sign the CALL TO PRAYER FOR AMERICA Proclamation!

**We invite you to join national and state government leaders from across the nation who are calling on American's to join with one heart and one voice to pray for the United States and her leaders.**

An extraordinary, nationwide prayer initiative was birthed on March 7, 2015 at the LIFFT America Religious Liberty Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina, convened by the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation along with Congressman J. Randy Forbes and Senator James Lankford, co-chairs of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

Representing twenty-five different states, 16 members of Congress and 36 state legislators gathered to coordinate a tactical strategy to effectively challenge the growing anti-faith movement in our country.

The consensus among participants was that people of faith can no longer sit idly by and passively watch as our nation's history and Judeo-Christian heritage are being rewritten with a false narrative.

In a solemn and historic ceremony, all who were present signed a Call to Prayer for America Proclamation. Now, we are inviting like-minded national and state elected officials to sign the Proclamation *[Add details of when and where proclamation can be signed]*

Together, our signatures—demonstrating a commitment to pray for America—will make a bold and public statement, not only in the marketplace of ideas, but also in the halls of power. This Proclamation will be read aloud by government leaders and pastors in churches across America. Citizens everywhere will be able to stand up and add their names to this document. Find out more at [www.PrayUSA.com](http://www.PrayUSA.com)

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Sincerely,

[Legislator]

***OPTIONAL either attach proclamation or include proclamation below:***

## ADDENDUM 3

THE CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS FOUNDATION, INC.

# A CALL TO PRAYER FOR AMERICA

THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIZENS AND INHABITANTS HAVE DRAWN STRENGTH, HOPE, AND GUIDANCE FROM PRAYER. FROM THE VERY FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS THROUGH EVERY FORM OF ADVERSITY AND BLESSING, AMERICANS HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR KNEES AND IMPLORED GOD ALMIGHTY TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES AND TO HEAL THEIR LAND.

THE FREEDOM UPON WHICH AMERICA IS FOUNDED AFFORDS THE RIGHT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL TO DECLINE TO PRAY IF HE OR SHE SO DESIRES. HOWEVER, THAT SAME FREEDOM ALLOWS THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER TO UTILIZE THAT GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK GOD TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN OUR NATION.

THAT FREEDOM IS NOT DIMINISHED MERELY BECAUSE ONE IS ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE CLOAK OF AUTHORITY PLACED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF A PUBLIC SERVANT SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER TO USE THAT GREAT POWER TO ASK GOD TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN THE NATION THEY LOVE AND SERVE.

CENTURIES AGO, THE BIBLE RECORDS IN 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 THAT GOD TOLD KING SOLOMON:

*“If my people who are called by my Name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

IN EARLY 2005, A SMALL GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEGAN MEETING IN ROOM 219 OF THE U.S. CAPITOL TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION. THE LOCATION WAS NOT IMPORTANT, NOR WERE THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GATHERED THERE TO PRAY. THE GRAVITY OF THEIR MEETING WAS DERIVED FROM THE HUMBLE SINCERITY OF THEIR BELIEF THAT GOD COULD HEAL AMERICA.

SOON THEREAFTER, THESE MEMBERS FORMED THE CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS TO VIGILANTLY WATCH AND TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICA TO PRAY. THEIR VISION FOR THE CAUCUS INSPIRED THEM TO FORM THE CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS FOUNDATION, INC. WHICH IS A NON-PARTISAN, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE CALL OF AMERICA BACK TO PRAYER.

ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATORS FROM ALL ACROSS AMERICA GATHERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING THE NATION BACK TO PRAYER. THEY REALIZED THE NEED TO CALL AMERICA BACK TO PRAYER, NOT FOR A SINGLE DAY OR A SINGLE MONTH, BUT TO PRAY “WITHOUT CEASING.” ACCORDINGLY, THIS DAY WE RESPECTFULLY AND HUMBLY ISSUE THIS “CALL TO PRAYER FOR AMERICA” AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS CALL BY ADDING YOUR NAME, AND FURTHER JOIN US BY PRAYING FOR GOD’S CONTINUED BLESSING ON THIS COUNTRY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND FOR STANDING WITH US. IT IS OUR SINCERE BELIEF THAT GOD WILL HEAR THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE AND HEAL THIS LAND. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY HE CONTINUE TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES AS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2015.