January 24, 2006



<Name>
<Address 1>
<City>, <State> <Zip Code>

Dear Governor <>;

Warm greetings from National Day of Prayer Task Force headquarters in Colorado Springs! We are quickly approaching yet another National Day of Prayer, and I consider it an honor to extend an invitation for you to join us in observing this meaningful and historical occasion. In 1952 President Truman, with the support of Congress, officially established an annual, national day of prayer. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, permanently establishing the first Thursday of every May as the National Day of Prayer. This tradition has since become a cherished event as millions of Americans gather to beseech God's guidance and blessing upon our country.

We're convinced that our theme for this year, America, Honor God, will serve as a valuable reminder that the Lord is at work in this great land and is deserving of our veneration and absolute trust. Whether facing difficulties at home or overseas, we hope people will look to the promise found in I Samuel 2:30: "Those who honor me I will honor." With your support, we can further our efforts to call the nation to prayer, acknowledging our Creator and asking for guidance and protection on behalf of our families, our government, and our armed forces.

Will you join with us in this endeavor by issuing a proclamation declaring Thursday, May 4, 2006, as a Day of Prayer for <State>? It has become customary for the President of the United States, as well as governors of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to officially endorse the National Day of Prayer, and we hope you will do the same this year.

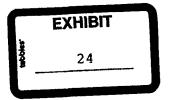
We respectfully request that you send your proclamation to us here at NDP Task Force headquarters by April 3. (The copy we receive will be placed in a special commemorative book presented to President Bush that includes all proclamations from our states and territories.) We also ask that you prepare a second copy for our <State> State Coordinator, who will be contacting you soon with more details. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with our Public Relations Manager, Mrs. Bobbie Hill, at 719/268-4802. She can also be reached via e-mail at bobbie.hill@fotf.org.

We look forward to hearing from you. Your proclamation will be a meaningful contribution to this year's NDP observance, and to the people of <State>. May God bless you and your staff in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Mrs. James C. Dobson (Shirley) Chairman, NDP Task Force





January 22, 2009



<Name>
<Street Address>
<City>, <State> <Zip Code>

Dear <Name>:

Warm greetings from National Day of Prayer Task Force headquarters! I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful Christmas season and are looking ahead to all 2009 has in store! Now that the new year has arrived, we are closing in on the last several months of preparations for the National Day of Prayer on May 7th. The overwhelming response last year was deeply encouraging, and we anticipate even greater involvement as more individuals come to recognize the deep needs of a hurting nation.

As you well know, throughout its history, there have been many times when America has faced grave dangers and troubles. Although spoken over two centuries ago, the words of Thomas Jefferson in 1781 which are now engraved on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., reflect the importance of our nation relying on the Almighty for help and guidance as we traverse stormy waters. Bemoaning the state of the infant republic, he said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the Gift of God." Today, our trials may be different from those of our Forefathers, but like them, we must remain committed to seeking our Heavenly Father's wisdom and mercy. And when we do come before His throne, we can be confident that He will hear the petitions of His children. It is in that spirit that we chose, Prayer...America's Hope! as our theme for 2009. It is my great hope that millions will turn to God and pray in accord with Psalm 33:22, "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

As in the past, it is critical that we garner the support of our nation's leaders for our efforts. In your role as a State Coordinator, we ask that you help in obtaining a written proclamation from your governor declaring May 7 as a National Day of Prayer. In order to do so, we encourage you to schedule a personal visit to your governor's office. If this is not possible, we suggest that you send a letter similar to the enclosed example. We ask that all proclamations are received at our office by April 1 so that we may have them bound for presentation to President Obama.

We also urge you to invite your governor to actively participate in an NDP observance, most appropriately on the steps of the Capitol building. In order to maintain your credibility — and that of the NDP Task Force — it is imperative that such an event involve a well-organized, substantial assembly. As you consider how best to approach such a proposal, consider enlisting the aid of a personal friend of the governor, a staff member, or his or her pastor. For additional ideas, feel free to get in touch with your National Area Leader.

Again, thank you for your ongoing commitment to furthering the cause of prayer. Know that you are making a difference in hearts and lives for the future good of our country. As Ronald Reagan said, "The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America...our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal." May God's joy be yours as you serve Him at this crucial hour in history!

Every blessing,

Mrs. James C. Dobson (Shirley) Chairman, NDP Task Force

Enclosure