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May 3 National Day of Prayer in Aurora Offers Three Unique Prayer Opportunities

• Prayer Walk, Prayer Tents, and Neighborhood Walk Are All Part of a Community Prayer Effort

Aurora, Ill. April 24, 2007 (*The Religion Wire™*) — Aurora area residents are encouraged to participate in various prayer efforts in observation of the **May 3 National Day of Prayer**. Three unique opportunities are being offered — a **prayer walk**, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; **prayer tents**, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and a **neighborhood walk**, 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. These opportunities are all part of a city-wide appeal by Aurora church leader to promote prayer and to show “the Body of Christ demonstrating unity in Christ and praying together.”

The **prayer walk**, 10 miles in length, will start, 10 a.m., at the southwest corner of Orchard Road and West Galena Boulevard. At 12:10 p.m., the walk will be at the Water Street mall/city hall. The walk concludes at 6 p.m. at the corner of McCoy Drive and Route 59.

Following is a timetable with location and prayer focus of each site —

Prayer Walk Route

On the day of the Prayer Walk, call 816-9314 to determine the location and to check the arrival time at a particular point.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Prayer Focus</u>
10 a.m.	Start at SW corner of Orchard and Galena	
10:10 a.m.	Countryside Nursing Home	Seniors, Elderly, Infirm, Healthcare
10:45 a.m.	West Aurora High School	High School Students
11:30 a.m.	Pregnancy Information Center	Sanctity of Life

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12:10 p.m.	Water Street Mall	Mayor, Aldermen, City Employees, Township, County, State, President, Congress
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	NE corner of Lincoln and Galena	Homeless, Poverty, Repentance and Blessing
2:00 p.m.	NE corner of Root St. and Galena	Unity among Local Churches
2:45 p.m.	Urban League Office	Racial Reconciliation, Neighborhood Development
3:10 p.m.	Beaupre Elementary	Grade School Students
4:15 p.m.	Steck Elementary Inverness and McCoy	Middle School Students
5:15 p.m.	Fire Station Mc Coy Drive	Safety for Police/Firemen Crime, Gangs
6:00 p.m.	McCoy and Route 59	Business, Jobs and Economic Development

Prayer tents, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., will be available at two locations to focus on community/national and individual prayer needs — Serenity Park(across from McCarty Park), East Galena Boulevard and Fourth Street; and Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Edgelawn Ave.

Individuals are encouraged to do a **Neighborhood Walk** at 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. by walking around their block and praying for their neighbors.

The **National Day of Prayer** is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. This year on March 22nd Governor Rod Blagojevich issued a similar state proclamation.

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For more information about the **May 3 National Day of Prayer in Aurora** or a flyer about the day visit www.acmn.org. Also call (630) 859-8010 or (630) 859-0600.

The **Aurora Christian Ministry Network (ACMN)** and Aurora area churches are sponsoring this community appeal for prayer.

The **ACMN** mission statement reads, “The *Aurora Christian Ministry Network* is a network of like-minded churches, organizations, clergy, and individuals dedicated to meeting Aurora’s urban challenges by giving the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ through responding, mobilizing, and supporting.”

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