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May 7 National Day of Prayer in Aurora Again Offers Unique Prayer Opportunities

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

Aurora, Ill. April 24, 2009 (*The Religion Wire™*) — Aurora area residents are encouraged to participate in various prayer efforts in observation of the **May 7 National Day of Prayer**. Again this year, a couple of unique opportunities are being offered — a **prayer walk**, 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 leaders 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 (630) 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 Road & West Galena Boulevard	
10:10 a.m.	Countryside Care Centre 2330 W. Galena Blvd.	Seniors, Elderly, Infirm, Healthcare
10:45 a.m.	West Aurora High School W. Galena Blvd. & N. Commonwealth Ave.	High School Students

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11:30 a.m.	Pregnancy Information Center 411 W. Galena Blvd.	Sanctity of Life
12:10 p.m.	Water Street Mall (City Hall – 44 E. Downer Pl.)	Mayor, Aldermen, City Employees, Township, County, State, President, Congress
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Lunch - First Presbyterian Church 325 E. Downer Pl.	
1:30 p.m.	NE corner of S. Lincoln Ave. & E. Galena Blvd.	Homeless, Poverty, Repentance and Blessing
2:00 p.m.	NE corner of S. Root St. & E. Galena Blvd.	Unity among Local Churches
2:45 p.m.	Urban League Office 808 E. Galena Blvd.	Racial Reconciliation, Neighborhood Development
3:10 p.m.	Beaupre Elementary Ohio St. & E. Galena Blvd.	Grade School Students
4:15 p.m.	Steck Elementary Inverness Dr. & McCoy Dr.	Middle School Students
5:15 p.m.	Fire Station 3770 McCoy Dr. McCoy Dr. & Gregory St.	Safety for Police/Firemen Crime, Gangs
6:00 p.m.	McCoy Drive and Route 59	Business, Jobs and Economic Development

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.

For more information about the **May 7 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.

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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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