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## **May 5 National Day of Prayer in Aurora Again Offers Unique Prayer Opportunities**

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

**Aurora, Ill. April 26, 2011 (*The Religion Wire™*)** — Aurora area residents are encouraged to participate in various prayer efforts in observation of the **May 5 National Day of Prayer**. Again this year, a couple of unique opportunities are being offered — a **prayer walk**, 9:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.; **prayer tents**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and a **neighborhood walk**, 7 a.m. or 7 p.m., or when convenient. 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, 9:30 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.

**Prayer tents**, 10 a.m. - 4 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., or when convenient, by walking around their block and praying for their neighbors.

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

### **Prayer Walk Route**

***On the day of the Prayer Walk, call Dan Haas at (630) 816-9314 to determine the location and to check the arrival time at a particular point.***

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Focus</u></b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Start at SW corner of Orchard Road &amp; West Galena Boulevard</b>	
9:40 a.m.	Countryside Care Centre 2330 W. Galena Blvd.	Seniors, Elderly, Infirmary, Healthcare
10:15 a.m.	West Aurora High School - District 129 W. Galena Blvd. & N. Commonwealth Ave.	High School Students
11:00 a.m.	Pregnancy Information Center 411 W. Galena Blvd.	Sanctity of Life
11:30 a.m.	Paramount Arts Centre 23 E. Galena Blvd.	Arts, Entertainment
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Water Street Mall (City Hall – 44 E. Downer Pl.)</b>	<b>Mayor, Aldermen, City Employees, Township, County, State, President, Congress</b>
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
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.	Main Baptist Church 808 E. Galena Blvd.	Racial Reconciliation, Neighborhood Development
3:10 p.m.	Beaure Elementary School - District 131 Ohio St. & E. Galena Blvd.	Grade School Students
4:15 p.m.	Steck Elementary School - District 204 Inverness Dr. & McCoy Dr.	Elementary/Middle School Students
5:15 p.m.	Fire Station 3770 McCoy Dr. McCoy Dr. & Gregory St.	Safety for Firemen , Policemen, & Military
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>McCoy Drive and Route 59</b>	<b>Business, Jobs and Economic Development</b>

For more information about the **May 5 National Day of Prayer in Aurora** or a flyer about the day visit [www.acmn.org](http://www.acmn.org). Also call (630) 816-9314 or (630) 859-0600.

## **Add two - May 5 National Day of Prayer in Aurora Again Offers Unique Prayer Opportunities**

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.

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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