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National Mobilization for Prayer and Fasting
Focuses on Spiritual Awakening in 2010
A New Decade, a Fresh Awakening

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – 21 DAYS FOR A NEW AWAKENING, a nationwide call to a period of corporate prayer and fasting will begin January 1, 2010 as we enter a new decade and crucial time in our country and in our history.

During the first decade of the 21st century, the United States of America witnessed the unprecedented persecution of Christians worldwide, a catastrophic terrorist attack within the homeland, the ordination of gay and lesbian leaders in the church, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and severe economic hardship from an on-going recession. The second decade is knocking at the door and many Americans are uncertain of what the future might hold in the coming days and years.

Billy Wilson, Executive Chairman of *Awakening America Alliance* said, "America's greatest need is spiritual. The relative ineffectiveness of the contemporary American church pushes us to ask some hard questions before God. Have we allowed ourselves to be preoccupied with political, social and peripheral issues more than with the greatest need of our nation? Have we spent billions of dollars fighting political and social battles while losing the spiritual battle for the soul of new generations? Have we hoped for the easier way of carnal weaponry while neglecting God's way of spiritual intensity? Have we found ourselves picketing more than praying, fighting more than fasting and lashing out more than loving? Have we been duped into hoping that righteousness would be installed from the top down rather than recognizing true awakening comes from the bottom-up? Does the church in America need to experience a fresh grace of repentance? Do we need a deep cleansing and renewal? I believe that the answer to these questions is a painful and convicting yes. The American church needs deep, transformational change so that we can affect our nation for Christ. Fasting changes us and positions us to change the world. Awakening America's *21 DAYS FOR A NEW AWAKENING* is calling on Christians across America to dedicate 2010 and this decade to the Lord. It's a fast of contrition and repentance and humility," said Wilson, noting that thousands have already committed to participate.

Lee Grady, editor of *Charisma Magazine* said, "I look forward to joining thousands of Christians for this 21-day season of consecration. We are at such a crucial moment in history. I believe the Lord is preparing our hearts for a significant national awakening and I am expectant that it will begin in this new year."

Since Wilson announced the 21-day fast, many denominational leaders have called on their entire constituencies to fast. "We feel it's like a 'first fruits' principle, as with giving and tithing, we're dedicating this new year to the Lord," he said. "Fasting from a pure heart with proper

motives will help lead us into the brokenness required to receive God's next move in our nation. Fasting helps us humble ourselves. Fasting presses us toward personal cleansing. Fasting focuses our heart and weans us away from the earthly distractions that vie for our attention. Fasting allows for heightened sensitivity to God's voice and positions us to bring deliverance to the captives. Fasting and prayer facilitate a personal renewal of our connection and intimacy with Jesus. His presence and pleasure becomes our reward."

Individuals can participate in *21 DAYS FOR A NEW AWAKENING* and read personal blog entries by hundreds of current participants by going to <http://awakeningamerica.us/21dayfast/>.

The Awakening America Alliance (www.awakeningamerica.us), a non-partisan, broad coalition of over 300 denominations, nationally prominent Christian leaders, churches, ministries, para-church ministries, and men and women of God from every walk of life, united in front of city and county courthouses in all 50 states in participating in a national prayer gathering entitled **CRY OUT AMERICA** on September 11 of 2009.

Several fasting resources such as "*Praying for A Spiritual Awakening in America*" and "*Fasting Forward*" by Rev. Billy Wilson are offered at www.awakeningamerica.us.

To sign up to participate in *21 DAYS FOR A NEW AWAKENING*, to learn more about the *Awakening America Alliance* or to become an Alliance partner, please visit us online at www.awakeningamerica.us or call us at 1-888-9AWAKE-US.

The *Awakening America Alliance* Executive Cabinet Members include: Robert Bakke of *Global Day of Prayer*; Wellington Boone, founder of *Wellington Boone Ministries*; Sterling Brackett with *International Church of the Foursquare Gospel*; Dave Butts with *Harvest Prayer Ministries*; Paul Cedar with *Mission America Coalition*; Luis Cortés, President and CEO of *Esperanza USA*; Daniel de León with *Templo Calvario*; David Ferguson with *Intimate Life Ministries*; Alton Garrison with *Assemblies of God USA*; Harry Jackson with *Hope Christian Church and The Hope Connection*, John Lind with *The Presidential Prayer Team*, Anne Gimenez with *The Rock Church International*; Lee Grady, Editor of *Charisma Magazine*; Jane Hansen-Hoyt with *AGLOW International*; Tim Hill with *International Church of God*; Ron Luce with *Teen Mania Ministries*; Jerry Rose with *Total Living Network*; Larry Stockstill with *Bethany World Prayer Center*; William "Billy" Wilson, Chairman of the *International Center for Spiritual Renewal*.

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