

Greg Laurie Calls on Americans to Join National Day of Prayer

Pastor Greg Laurie, the honorary chairman of the National Day of Prayer, believes America faces a spiritual crisis. So he has issued a call to pastors and churches across the country to participate in the 62nd annual National Day of Prayer on May 2.

"If we pray, God will hear," Laurie says. "When He hears, who knows what He might do?"

Laurie, the pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, Calif., and founder of the Harvest Crusades, will join James and Shirley Dobson, Congressmen Robert Aderholt and Frank Wolf, Vonette Bright, Pat Boone and other dignitaries in observing the National Day of Prayer from 9 a.m. to noon EST on May 2 at the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The event can be seen live on GOD TV and at [www.godtv.com](#). Each year, millions of Americans participate in local events. For more information about an event in your area, please visit [www.ndop.org](#).

At noon, a special prayer written by Laurie will be read at various sites across the country. It says, in part, "We see trouble in our culture today. We see the breakdown of the family, crippling addictions and random acts of horrific violence. Lord, we need Your help in America. In recent days, we have done our best to remove Your Word and Your counsel from our courtrooms, classrooms and culture. It seems, as President Lincoln once said, that we have 'forgotten God.' But Lord, You have not forgotten us! You can bless and help and revive our country again."

The verse of Scripture specially chosen for this year's observance of the National Day of Prayer is Matthew 12:21: "In his name the nations will put their hope" (NIV).

Laurie has also asked churches and other potential sites around the country to host the simulcast of Harvest America, broadcast from Philadelphia, on Sept. 29. Laurie will present the gospel, and musical acts such as MercyMe, Jeremy Camp and Kirk Franklin will perform. Last year, more than 2,400 sites attracted about 300,000 in combined attendance. For more information about this year's crusade, please visit [www.harvestamerica.org](#).