

IHOPKC Stream to Highlight National Day of Repentance

Christians in many nations are being encouraged to set aside time with the Lord in their homes or local churches during a 72-hour window, April 30-May 2, to repent, to fast, to pray—individually and for the United States to return to its earlier dependence on God.

This international prayer event will begin with a National Day of Repentance on April 30 and conclude with the National Day of Prayer on May 2.

This unique call has been encouraged by Australia's National Day of Prayer team, who are spreading the event to other national prayer teams.

The International House of Prayer will help focus this 72-hour world prayer event through its live website, which draws up to 75,000 hits in 130 nations each day.

April 30 is an appropriate day for repentance. The legislature in Pennsylvania has designated April 30 as its day of fasting and prayer, and the date marks the 224th anniversary of President Washington's inaugural remarks thanking God for His miracles in founding America.

April 30 also is the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer in the midst of the despair of the Civil War. Issuing the proclamation, Lincoln said in part: "We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to

confess our national sins and to pray for ... forgiveness.”

The international call to repent, fast and pray for America will conclude on May 2 with the 62nd annual National Day of Prayer. The theme verse this year is Matthew 12:21: “In His name the nations will put their hope.”