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Cry Out America
Third Annual Nationwide Prayer Gatherings
10 week Countdown begins

Washington DC – America’s 234th birthday, its day of declared independence observed on July 4, was celebrated across the nation with parades, fireworks, and neighborhood picnics. The stark reality is that America remains in a dire physical and spiritual crisis. The economy has been deeply shaken. Political leaders and citizens are at odds over the controversial issue of immigration reform. Overall church attendance continues to decline across the nation. America is now the third largest mission field in the world and the next generation is desperately searching for truth.

In what appears to be a very trying time for the Church and the nation, the Awakening America Alliance (www.awakeningamerica.us) believes that America could be on the verge of a sweeping move of God’s Spirit that will touch every state, every county and every heart.

Cry Out America, in conjunction with the Awakening America Alliance, will hold its third annual nationwide county courthouse prayer gatherings on September 11. Billy Wilson, Executive Director of the Awakening America Alliance said, “Millions of Americans are rediscovering the spiritual discipline of fasting. Church planting efforts are gaining momentum in most denominations. The generations are turning their hearts toward one another and the language of awakening is increasing in the American church. Our cry is that these first notes of revival will crescendo into a symphony of spiritual intensity that will turn the tide.”

In the first two years of **Cry Out America** the counties participating have doubled to over 750 with at least one gathering in every state and in all 38 counties with populations over one million and it is on target to exceed these numbers in 2010.

This year, beginning at the National Day of Prayer on May 6, the Awakening America Alliance launched a 20 Weeks, 8 Days, 1 Hour Initiative leading up to the nationwide prayer gatherings called **Praying Through the Heart of The Year for The Soul of The Nation** complete with weekly prayer guides, implementation guides, power point presentations, supportive teaching strategies and promotional materials to assist in the growth of the county courthouse prayer gatherings.

Claude V. King, coauthor of *Experiencing God* and *Fresh Encounter* said, “As in the days of Joel, our nation is facing an ecological and economic disaster of historical proportions--the kind we will tell our children and grandchildren about. Our moral condition seems to be growing darker and darker because the light of the gospel of Christ is not shining brightly from the churches to dispel the darkness. These desperate times call for drastic measures. Now is the time for the churches of America to sound an alarm, call a sacred assembly, consecrate the people, and cry out to God for forgiveness, cleansing, mercy. Perhaps He will relent, heal, and once again bless our land. Would you join me as we cry out, America?”

The Awakening America Alliance was formed as an initiative with a broad coalition of nationally prominent Christian denominations, churches, para-church ministries, as well as Christian leaders and lay people from every walk of life. The purpose of the Alliance is to increase the awareness of the deep spiritual need in America and to pursue a fresh spiritual awakening that will impact the world.

“CRY OUT AMERICA comes at a crucial time in our nation’s history. On a daily basis, numerous commentators express their shock at how far this nation has strayed from a spirit of freedom and public trust in God. American’s greatest need, even in this difficult season continues to be their need to know Jesus Christ. This is why we are praying for a “Christ” Awakening.” said Wilson.

These are critical times, and in the opinion of many American citizens, it is time for America to return to the spiritual roots in which it began. **CRY OUT AMERICA** is mobilizing believers across the nation in prayer to repent and reclaim the heart of America for God. The Alliance in a bold public statement is calling Christian believers in every American county to unite on September 11 in humbling themselves before God and crying out for revival in their region.

“If you believe,” said Wilson, “that extraordinary prayer is needed to awaken our nation and you are willing to get involved to make this historic event happen, then I encourage you to visit us on our website by going to www.awakeningamerica.us/cryoutamerica, find your county and apply to serve today.”

To learn more about the Awakening America Alliance, how you can get involved in **CRY OUT AMERICA**, or to become an Alliance partner, please visit www.awakeningamerica.us.

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