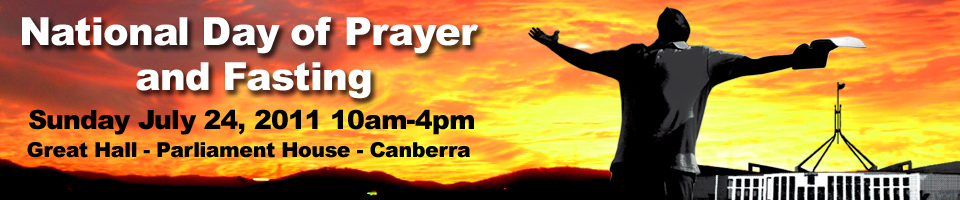
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**Media Release**

**Call to Prayer for Marriage, Family and Nation**

**Sunday 24th July 2011 is a National Day of Prayer and Fasting** to pray for marriage, family and for Australia to turn back to God. We invite Christian leaders and prayer warriors to **come to the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra from 10am to 4pm to pray**. We call on the churches of Australia, of all denominations, to send a representative to the Great Hall of the Parliament of Australia to pray on their behalf. If you are able, please join us.

We ask individuals, churches and prayer groups to participate as they can, when they can, in their own locality, anywhere in Australia. You can meet in your church, your home or in a public place. **Register your participation at:** [**www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au**](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au)

There is currently a bill to legalise homosexual marriage before the parliament. Because of this bill, children could be robbed of their right to a mother and a father. Marriage redefined is marriage destroyed. Australia is feeling the effects of its rampant immorality and easy divorce culture. **Family life in Australia is descending into relational chaos and our children are paying the price.**

The answer is simple. Our nation needs to find God. **Australia needs a miracle of God’s grace**. That miracle will come as we accept the scriptural challenge found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, “*If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray . .* . ” This national call to prayer finds its biblical inspiration in Joel 2:15-16, “***Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders*** . . .”

Now is the time for action. We as people of faith must rise to the occasion and seek God. “*Come let us know, let us press on to know the Lord . . . and He will come to us* . . .” Hosea 6:3. The only answer for us as a nation is a national awakening. **We encourage the Christian people of Australia to rise up and “*stand in the gap on behalf of the land*”** as in Ezekiel 22:30.

Now is the time to make a stand for the truth. Now is the time to share the good news of God’s love.

Now is the time to see this nation fulfil its destiny as the ‘Great South Land of the Holy Spirit’.

**Come to Canberra and pray**.

Register now at [www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.com.au) as space is limited in the Great Hall.

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