## Sample Invitation to a Mayor or Government Official

Dear,

As part of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, I feel privileged to invite you to attend the prayer observance in our community on Thursday, May ( ). Our observance will be held (location) from (time) to (time). The event will be filled with prayer for our nation, its governmental leaders, churches and families. (Name of speaker) will deliver a special message on prayer and its importance to our nation's present and future.

As you may know, the annual National Day of Prayer was established by federal law in 1952 when the United States Congress passed a joint resolution, which was signed by President Harry Truman. The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, specifically designating the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer.

You may also have heard about the success of last year's observances. An estimated 2 million participants across the country participated. It's so exciting to see the incredible work God is doing in the hearts and lives of people as a result of people coming together in prayer. If God did all this in one day, just imagine what He will do if we would commit ourselves to pray regularly on behalf of our communities and nation.

(opt paragraph– feel free to use something else) President Bill Clinton echoed this theme in his 1996 National Day of Prayer proclamation. He stated, "We face many of the same challenges as our forebears – ensuring the survival of freedom and sustaining faith in an often hostile world – and we continue to pray, as they did, for the blessings of a just and benevolent God to guide our nation's course . . . we should celebrate this day in the tradition of our founders who believed that God governs in the affairs of men and women, and who based their greatest hopes, dreams and aspirations on the surety of divine protection."

For the sake of (your city), please join us for prayer on Thursday, May ( ). I look forward to seeing you there! May God bless you and the ones you love.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Your Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip, Phone Number, Email

