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***Awakening America Alliance Mobilizes
Unprecedented Nationwide Prayer Gathering on 9/11***

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – On September 11th of 2001, extremist enemies attacked the United States of America. These acts of aggression signaled a physical wake-up call for our nation as it entered the new millennium. Our lives were changed forever, and millions of Americans fell to their knees in prayer.

Eight years later, the Awakening America Alliance (www.awakeningamerica.us), a non-partisan coalition of denominations, para-church ministries, prominent Christian leaders, churches, and men and women of God from every walk of life, is mobilizing Christians from across all 50 states to participate in **CRY OUT AMERICA**, a historical, simultaneous nationwide prayer gathering on September 11, 2009.

"The momentum for Cry Out America continues to grow with over 725 counties nationwide involved to date. We are on target to double our response in official county gatherings from last year. We are receiving vigorous responses from America's largest counties, and 35 of the 38 counties with populations of at least 1 million or more have committed to hold an official gathering on 9/11," said Billy Wilson, Executive Chairman of the Awakening America Alliance. Wilson continued: "it appears that Cry Out America gatherings will range in size from a handful on the courthouse steps to several thousand filling the city square. We are grateful for the great response this year."

Dr. Bob Bakke, director of the National Prayer Advance, executive producer of the Nationally Broadcast Concert of Prayer, and an executive director of the Evangelical Free Church of America, stated that "in light of the urgent needs in the heart of Americans and their churches -- urban and suburban, rich and poor, young and old – the Awakening America Alliance (AAA) is pursuing what is vital and doing it the right way: commitment to Christ; united prayer across denominational, historical and demographic boundaries; authentic collaboration; clear, measurable goals; and events that foster movements toward a spiritual awakening. I can't think of anything more important," he concluded.

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. America's greatest need, even in this difficult season continues to be her spiritual need.

These are critical times, and in the opinion of many American citizens, it is time for America to return to its spiritual roots. **CRY OUT AMERICA** is mobilizing believers across the nation in prayer to repent and reclaim the heart of America for God.

"Thousands of believers will unite together on 9/11 in repentance, humility and public prayer as we ask for God's blessing on 21st Century America. We recognize that our nation is in a spiritual crisis and we believe that America's destiny depends on the church's reaction. We desperately need a new spiritual

awakening that will mark this moment as a turning point for generations to come. We are crying out for God's help," said Billy Wilson, executive chairman of the Awakening America Alliance. "Citizens from all walks of life across this great nation are invited to fast their lunch, go to their county courthouse, humble their hearts and partner with us in prayer. Leaders from across the nation will be praying at "Ground Zero" in New York City and joining our county constituents in prayer throughout all time zones."

"If you believe," said Wilson, "that extraordinary prayer is needed to awaken our nation and you are willing to be used of God 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."

A National Sacred Assembly will be held in New York City on September in preparation for the Cry Out America gatherings on 9/11. The Sacred Assembly will air live, nation-wide on the Inspriational Network from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 10.

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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