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ECONOMIC CHALLENGES INSPIRE COMMUNITY TO PRAY
Community Members Invited to Gather for Annual Prayer Breakfast

WOODBURY, MN – The 2009 Woodbury Prayer Breakfast will focus on the transformation of our community through the power of prayer. As it says in the song “God of this City,” we trust that “greater things are yet to come” for our city.

"The Woodbury Prayer Breakfast is an experience you will not forget" says Mary Giuliani Stephens, Chair of the Woodbury Prayer Breakfast Committee. "Joining together for prayer is a powerful way to transform our community while encouraging and uplifting those who attend. From business leaders to parents, students and those serving our country – there will be something meaningful for everyone."

This year's event is set for **7:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the Prom Center (I-94 at Radio Drive/Inwood)**. Exceptional speakers, dignitaries, elected officials and spiritual leaders will offer prayers, testimonies and readings. Individual tickets are \$18.50 and tables of nine are \$166.50. Business sponsorships are available starting at \$400. Individual sponsorships start at \$100. Both include various forms of sponsor recognition.

The morning will be filled with inspirational music, readings and testimonials from area leaders and dignitaries. **Dave Clutter**, long-time, Metro Traffic announcer and local radio personality, will emcee the event featuring **Woodbury Mayor Bill Hargis** offering opening remarks. “It is my privilege to stand side by side with civic leaders and east metro residents each year in celebration of community, liberty and the freedom to worship in this great country,” said Mayor Hargis.

Attendees will also enjoy an uplifting performance by _____ and local music talent Karen Diers. Karen has lived in Woodbury for almost nine years and is the Worship Leader at New Life Church of Woodbury. A 1986 graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Music, Karen has enjoyed singing for a variety of venues including live radio, community theatre, recording studios, churches, homeless shelters, missions and coffee houses. Her greatest joy is living life to the fullest with her husband and their four children.

For more information about becoming a sponsor or to purchase tickets online, visit the Woodbury Prayer Breakfast website at: www.woodburypb.org.

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About the Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Woodbury Prayer Breakfast is part of a larger national movement that is taking hold in hundreds of communities across the nation. Modeled after the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., it is held the same time every year along with similar events at the state and local levels.