

# Community Transformation, Inc.

*The Mission: To promote prayer and partnering to win the lost, make disciples, and change the spiritual climate of our community.*

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**19th Annual Thomasville / Thomas County National Day of Prayer**  
**and**  
**59th Annual National Day of Prayer**

**I. CALL TO WORSHIP (11:45 a.m.)**

- A. Instrumental music and worship are led by Attorney Ben Lindquist and City of Thomasville C. F. O., Mike Russell, of Celebration Church.
- B. Selected songs will appear on overhead or hymnbook for congregational singing.

**II. WELCOME CONGREGATION**

**Dr. Dan Spencer, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Host Pastor**

- A. 59th Annual National and 19th Annual Thomasville/Thomas County National Day of Prayer chaired nationally by Mrs. Shirley Dobson and Dr. Franklin Graham.
- B. Opportunity to agree in prayer with thousands of communities and millions of people.
- C. Proclaimed locally by Thomasville City Council and Thomas County Commission.
- D. National Theme: “Prayer for Such a Time as This”

**E. Biblical promise claimed:**

*“The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.”*

**Nahum 1:7**

- F.** We need to humble ourselves personally, as a community, and as a nation, and pray that God will forgive our sin and heal our land. There have been lawsuits filed to stop the National Day of Prayer and a federal judge has ruled it as “unconstitutional” after 58 years of its observance. We are in dire times. We very much need to pray!
- E.** It is now my pleasure to turn the program over to our Event Moderator, Doug Silvis. Doug is a founder and the CEO of Community Transformation, Inc., an interdenominational association of local pastors and Christian leaders, which sponsors and coordinates this event.

**III. PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**

**Doug Silvis, Event Moderator and CEO of Community Transformation, Inc.**

**A. Thanks to Hosts and to County Commission and City Council:**

We thank Pastor Dan and his congregation for allowing us to come together here to seek God in behalf of the entire community, state, nation, and world. We also thank the Thomas County Commission and Thomasville City Council for proclaiming this a Day of Prayer to God. Their proclamations are posted down front and copies are attached to your program. Representatives of each will soon lead us in prayers.

**B. II Chronicles 7:14:**

Let’s keep focused on the National Theme: “For Such a Time as This”. We must pray. **Only God can solve the mess we are in.**

This is my 19th year to be asked by an organization of pastors to chair the National Day of Prayer. More than ever, we are faced with challenges (as individuals, as families, and

as a community, state, and nation) that are so big and so complex that we are being brought to our knees. Between the terrorist attacks of 09/11/01, the most recent attempted bombing in Manhattan this week, the financial meltdowns caused by greed and corruption, the hurricanes, volcanoes, floods, earthquakes, oil spills, and other threats to our weather, our resources, and our economy, it should be evident that God has allowed creation to be out of control just enough that we should all be crying out to our Creator and asking him to forgive our sins and heal our land. This year's theme is well stated: "For such a time as this". We have had two Great Awakenings, each of which followed desperate times in our nation. We are badly in need of a Third. **The question is, will we wake up and pray and seek God's face and turn from our wicked ways, in order to fulfill His requirements for us to ask Him to forgive our sins and heal our land?**

All of us are here because we "heard" the call of God to "humble ourselves and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways and pray" and believe that God will "hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land" as promised in II Chronicles 7:14. If ever there was a time we should see that our world has been ravaged by the sins of greed and selfishness, it is now. As recorded in John 17:21, Jesus prayed that we would "all be one" in order that the world might come to believe that His Father had sent Him. We thank you, as diverse representatives of the Body of Christ, for coming together today "as one" to seek our Father together for such an outpouring of His Spirit. We are praying for such a Great Awakening of God's people that it will lead to Reformation of society and genuine community transformation. As other communities join us throughout the nation, we agree in prayer for national repentance and healing. **However, it will take more than an hour of prayer. It is up to us to engage in sustained, multiplied prayers in every church, and at every social or business meeting of Christians.**

**C. Pastors and Marketplace Leaders Prayer and Communion Service:**

This morning, a large group of pastors, many of whom meet weekly to pray for our community, together with other marketplace leaders, have already met for prayer and a communion service today, and have remained for this public service to continue in prayer. Community Transformation, Inc. was birthed in the year 2000, after a pastors National Day of Prayer communion service led many local pastors to begin to pray together regularly and encourage other Christian leaders to do so. Hopefully, there are or will be numerous groups of pastors partnering regularly in prayer.

**D. Other Prayers Today: Please pray throughout the day and truly make this a National Day of Prayer as you engage others to pray in small groups as often as you can.**

**E. Marketplace Leader Prayer Summits:**

Over 100 different community leaders have been meeting quarterly to spend a morning in prayer together since September 2006, averaging 40 to 50 at each meeting, to intercede for our community. Today, many of these leaders already met to pray and then remained for this public prayer as time their 15th quarterly prayer summit. Our 16th Marketplace Leader Prayer Summit will be Friday, September 10, 2010, at 8:00 a.m., hosted by Charles Balfour, at Myrtlewood Plantation Clubhouse. Any business owner or head of a division or group within a business or ministry, and all government leaders, are invited to attend. Please call my office to R.S.V.P. or to ask to be added to our email invitation list. It is also expected that a number of people will choose to meet at Noon at the Thomas County Courthouse on Saturday, September 11, 2010, the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, in response to a call known as "Cry Out America". Perhaps, some of you will organize that effort.

**F. Small Group Prayers:**

A few of our community leaders and, by video, some of our state and national leaders, as representatives of different sectors of government and life, are prepared to lead us in public prayers today. However, we are going to spend about half of our time in small groups allowing each of us to pray fervently to God as we are led. This is not about an event. It is you and I together, crying out to God to change and bless us and our community and nation. We need another Great Awakening and Reformation of our society from the grassroots that can only come by the Spirit of God.

**G. Greater Thomasville Prayer Covenant:**

We are grateful to have a Mayor and City Council which has issued a proclamation to declare this to be a day of prayer in the City of Thomasville, and to have our city represented, among others, by its Chief Financial Officer, Mike Russell, who is helping lead worship, and by its Chief Law Enforcement Officer at this National Day of Prayer.

To begin our prayer time, please join **Ellis C. Jackson**, who is **Chief of the City of Thomasville Police Department and Pastor of Bethel CME Church of Valdosta**, in the unison reading and declaration of the Greater Thomasville Prayer Covenant, which is both a prayer and a declaration of faith in the scriptures printed at the beginning of the Covenant.

(Please prepare to read and pray together, in unison, our Greater Thomasville Prayer Covenant which is included in your program as Unison Prayer I and on PowerPoint, as Chief Jackson comes to lead us.)

## **GREATER THOMASVILLE PRAYER COVENANT**

A Solemn Covenant by Christians in the Thomasville Area

### **(UNISON PRAYER I)**

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14*

*“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”. Habakkuk 2:14*

*“... Every knee shall bow... and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11*

**Our Father, we come** to you in the mighty and holy name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**We affirm** our faith in You, Almighty God, and in the foregoing promises from Your Word.

**We further affirm** our unity in Christ and in our common faith, as expressed in Your Word.

**We acknowledge and declare** that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Thomasville area, our community, and all the earth.

**We thank You,** God, for calling us to devote ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ in brokenness, repentance, and obedience.

**We come** out of a deep sense of desperation over the lukewarm condition in the church and the acceleration of corruption in our society.

**We bow** before You, to rend our hearts and not our garments.

**We repent** of religious pride, of hypocrisy, of prejudice, of status-quo mediocrity, of busyness and prayerlessness.

**We repent** of materialism, selfish pursuit, greed, and lusts of all varieties.

**We acknowledge** that the only hope for the Thomasville area and for our nation and world is a mighty transforming work of Your grace.

**We beg You,** Father, to touch us and draw us to touch You in faith, so that revival will come as we touch your heart and prevail in believing prayer.

**We agree** in prayer that our community and all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the seas.

**We have full hope and confidence** that, as we pray and act in Jesus name, the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will be greatly advanced in the Thomasville area and throughout the earth. Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done.

**We covenant** to continue to seek you earnestly and to pray faithfully together for a Biblical spiritual awakening in our personal lives and in the church, and for laborers to advance Christ's Kingdom in our community, our nation, and our world.

**We make this petition** in Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake, for He is worthy of a Bride without spot or wrinkle, and He is the King over all of His creation. Amen.

I join other Christians in making or renewing the foregoing prayer covenant, this 6th day of May, 2010.

#### IV. **FAMILIES**

We've already voiced our prayer covenant for repentance. We are now going to pray specifically for families. I will agree with you and you with me, and all of us agree with each other, for God to do miracles in each of our families and in families in general. As Marie Sharp comes to lead us in prayer for families, let us each pray silently for the miracles we know God needs and wants to do in our own families, or in families close to us. Let's also pray for God to provide Christian mentors or friends to those who have no families, and to show us each someone to whom we can reach out and make a difference.

After a few moments of silent prayer, **Marie Sharp, President of Thomasville Family and Marriage Net, Inc.**, will voice a further prayer for the healing and strengthening of families.

Healing of marriages and breaking the cycle of divorce.

*"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4 (NKJ).*

*"The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?" Proverbs 18:14 (KJ).*

Please pray with Marie to break the cycles of divorce, abuse, and broken relationships between family members, in our community.

**Prayer by Marie Sharp**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER SONG: “Bind Us Together”**

**Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken  
Bind us Together Lord  
Bind us together  
Bind us together with love**

**There is only God  
There is only one King  
There is only one body  
This is why we sing**

**V. CORPORATE UNISON PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**

We are grateful to have a Board of County Commissioners which has issued a proclamation (attached to your materials) declaring this to be a Day of Prayer for Thomas County, and to have as chairperson of its Board of Commissioners the lady who is now coming to lead us in Unison Prayer #2.

Please join millions of Americans around our nation, and **Mary Jo Beverly, Chairperson of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners**, in this year’s Prayer for our Nation composed by Dr. Franklin Graham, 2010 Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force. Let’s join Mrs. Beverly as she leads us in this UNISON PRAYER II.

(See Unison Prayer II on following page or on the PowerPoint.)

**VI. PRAYERS BY ELECTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

**Georgia's Senators and Congressman:**

**A. U. S. Senator Johnny Isakson**

- 1. Introduction: U. S. Senator Johnny Isakson is Co-Chair of the U. S. Senate Prayer Committee and of the National Prayer Breakfast. He is represented by Jody Redding, his Regional Field Representative. Please join him in prayer.**
- 2. Senator Johnny Isakson's Video Prayer**

**B. U. S. Senator Saxby Chambliss**

- 1. Introduction: U. S. Senator Saxby Chambliss is a native of Moultrie, whose wife, Julianne, is a native of Thomasville, is also appearing by video presentation, to lead us in a special prayer. Saxby was just another local attorney when I moved here and began law practice in 1983. He has since served us in the U. S. Congress and now is our Senior U. S. Senator. He is represented today by his Moultrie Office Manager, Debbie Cannon. Please join Senator Chambliss in his prayer for our nation.**
- 2. Senator Saxby Chambliss' Video Prayer**

**C. U. S. Congressman Sanford Bishop, Jr.**

- 1. Introduction: U. S. Congressman Bishop, who is represented today by his Field Representative, Michael Bryant of Thomasville, has also composed and provided us with a video prayer. Please join Congressman Bishop in his prayer for our nation.**
- 2. Congressman Sanford Bishop's Video Prayer**

**D. CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER SONG: "God Bless America"**

**VII. CONGREGATIONAL SMALL GROUP PRAYERS:**

Rather than engage in more individual “public” prayers from someone at the podium, the National Day of Prayer Committee wants to allow most of the remainder of our time for you to gather in small groups to pray together as God leads you. From time to time, I or someone will come to the podium, and state a topic of prayer. When that is done, you will have about three minutes to huddle and pray on that topic. Please form small groups of three to five people so that all can hear each other without shouting, and so that one or two of you can voice a short prayer on each topic. Do not take time for introductions or prayer requests. Just take turns praying aloud to God in short prayers confined to the suggested topic. If you finish early, pray silently or join in singing the hymn being softly played in the background, if you know it. When another new topic is suggested, then start over and take turns praying aloud as God leads you on that topic. This is intended to be an opportunity for a greater number of prayers to be offered, creating a “concert of prayer”. The first topic will be:

**A. Turn hearts of Christians from greed and materialism to repentance and seeking first to serve Jesus Christ.**

*“No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve Gad and worldly things.” “...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:24 and 33 (NKJ).*

**B. Healing of hurts and relationships between parents and children.**

*“I will send the (spirit of Elijah)...and he will turn the hearts of parents to children and children to parents lest I smite the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:5-6 (NKJ).*

**C. Relief, deliverance and answers to prayers for persecuted Christians, especially those imprisoned for their faith.**

*“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.” Hebrews 13:3 (NKJ).*

D. **Healing and forgiveness of racial wounds and pulling down the strongholds of racism and racial hatreds.**

*“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity..., so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross...”* Ephesians 2:14-16 (NKJ).

E. **Please pray for an outpouring of love, care and mentoring for young people and children, especially those who are fatherless, motherless, or whose parents are unwilling or unable to show them Godly love and care.**

*“He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing...”* Deuteronomy 10:18 (NKJ).

*“God sets the solitary in families...”* Psalm 68:6 (NKJ).

F. **Deliverance of men, women, boys and girls from the temptations of sexual impurity and pornography and pulling down the strongholds of lust.**

*“Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience...”* Colossians 3:5-7 (NKJ). *“... whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* Matthew 5:28 (NKJ).

G. **Raising up and blessing of men and women who, like King David, are people after God’s own heart, to lead our nation, our state, and our community, or to become favored Godly advisors of those in authority, as was Daniel.**

*“..., ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.”* Acts 13:22 (NKJ).

H. **Bridging the generation gap to reach today’s young adults and youth with the Gospel message and a vision of Jesus Christ and his church as relevant to their lives.**

*“...You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up...”*  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NKJ).

**I. Deliverance of all of us from being overwhelmed by the challenges of life in a dysfunctional, technological age of confusion.**

*“When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”*  
Psalm 61:2 (NKJ).

**VIII. UNISON PRAYER III**

**A Prayer for Leaders to Have Vision, Unity, Character, and Selfless Devotion**

As we continue our prayer time, please join **Mike Keown, who is not only a local pastor and board member of Community Transformation Inc., but also our Georgia State Representative**, as he leads us in Unison Prayer III, a Prayer for Leaders to have vision, character and selfless devotion, and then as Mike voices his own personal prayer for our community.

(See Unison Prayer III on following page.)

**IX. CLOSING PRAYER**

Please join **Mark Lastinger, Managing Editor of the Thomasville Times-Enterprise**, as he leads us in a closing prayer.

**X. CLOSING REMARKS: Doug Silvis**

We hope we will all go forth today and continue to stoke the fires of prayer in our churches, our businesses, and our families, and cry out to God until He answers and forgives our sins and heals our

Land. Please see attachments to our program if you are interested in knowing more about or participating with Community Transformation, Inc. in future activities. Let's close in a prayer we can all sing together, asking our Savior to shine upon us and change us all.

**XI. CLOSING PRAYER SONG: "Shine, Jesus, Shine", led by Ben Lindquist and Mike Russell**

*Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me  
Shine on me*

*Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light*

*Lord, I come into Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
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## Attachments

1. **CTI Announcements Page**
2. **CTI Board of Directors 2010**
3. **CTI Greater Thomasville Prayer Covenant**
4. **City of Thomasville 2010 National Day of Prayer Proclamation**
5. **Thomas County 2010 National Day of Prayer Proclamation**

## Opportunities to Work Toward Community Transformation

Thomasville is one of 18 pilot cities in the U.S.A. for Mission America, which seeks to help selected communities move toward God-breathed “community transformation”. Three (3) of our board members attended the National Mission America conference in Birmingham, Alabama in March of 2010. Christian leaders all agree that any Great Awakening must be birthed in the marketplace, not just by clergy.

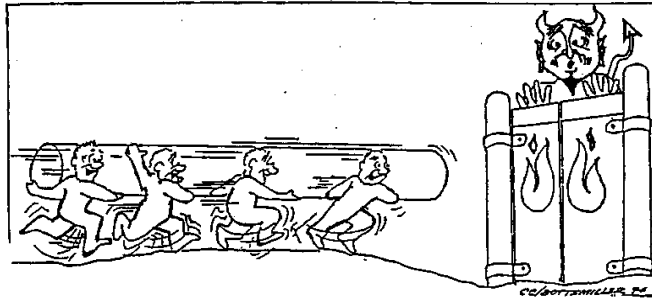
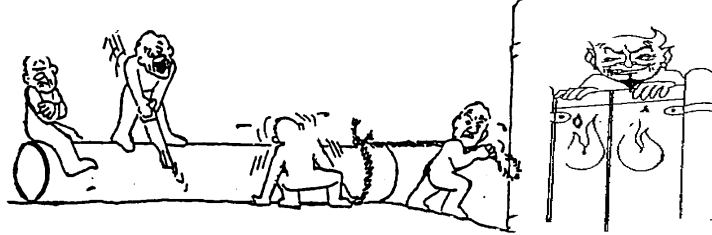
If anyone is interested in serving on the Community Transformation Strategic Planning Committee, please see or telephone Vice Chairman Jim Hobby, Rector of Trinity Anglican Church, at 229-226-6292.

If you are interested in being part of our Pastors’ Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays, or our Quarterly Marketplace Leader Prayer Summits, please contact my office at 229-228-9999.

If you would like to participate in our weekly “Stoking the Fire” intercessory prayer group, contact Prayer Chairman, Maxwell Crapps, President of Pro Body Shop & Frame Works, Inc. and Cut Through Ministries, Inc. at 229-224-2565.

If you would like to know more about our Angel Food Ministry wholesale food-buying program, hospital chaplaincy program, or other care ministries, contact our Vice Chairman for Care, Pastor Richard Dobson of Parkway Church of God, at 229-228-039.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: *THE BODY OF CHRIST IN ACTION*



### COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION, INC.

Is a Georgia corporation incorporated in 2000 to facilitate unity and cooperation among the many congregations of the Church of the greater Thomasville – Thomas County area. Its constituent pastors and supporters meet for **prayer and breakfast on Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. at the Plaza Restaurant** Garden Room except on “First Wednesday” when it’s Board of Directors and other pastors meet 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Prayer and Board Meetings are open to all Pastors and Ministry Leaders.

Commencing in September of 2006, Community Transformation, Inc. has sponsored a Quarterly Marketplace Leadership Prayer Summit, encouraging CEOs and COOS of business, industry, and ministry, and all government leaders to come together in prayer for each other and for our community. Next one will be **Friday, September 10, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. at Myrtlewood Plantation Clubhouse**. R.S.V.P. to Dinah at 229-228-9999 or [doug@silvis-ambrose.com](mailto:doug@silvis-ambrose.com).

C.T.I. has been granted tax exempt recognition as a **Section 501(c)(3) exempt organization** by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. See [www.communitytransformationinc.com](http://www.communitytransformationinc.com). It also founded, with Georgia Family Council, the Thomasville Family and Marriage Net, Inc., another 501(c)(3), to strengthen marriages and families. See [www.thomasvillefamily.com](http://www.thomasvillefamily.com). Tax deductible donations are welcome.

**Contact us if you would like to serve in one of these areas:**

1. Strategic Planning Vice Chairman Jim Hobby at Trinity Anglican Church if you are interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee (229-228-0390).
2. Care Initiatives Vice Chairman Richard Dobson at Parkway Church of God if you are interested in the Angel Food Ministry or Hospital Chaplaincy Program (229-226-6292).
3. Intercessor Prayer Chairman Maxwell Crapps of Cut Through Ministries, Inc. (229-228-0390).

**COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION, INC.**

**2010 Board of Directors\***

**(as of 05/06/2010)**

<p>Rabbi Bob Ackerman Beit Shalom Messianic Synagogue</p>
<p>Pastor James H. Banks, Jr. Mt. Zion AME Church of Bainbridge and Emmanuel AME Church of Dixie</p>
<p>Pastor Michael Burns Bethel AME Church of Pelham</p>
<p>Maxwell Crapps Cut Thru Ministries and Pro Body Shop &amp; Frameworks, Inc.</p>
<p>Pastor Richard Dobson, Vice President for Care Ministry Parkway Church of God</p>
<p>Jim Dorris CTI Outreach Chairman</p>
<p>Mark Engelmann Word Doers of Thomasville</p>
<p>Pastor Ellis Fann Family and Friends Full Gospel Baptist Church</p>
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<p>Rector Jim Hobby, Vice President for Strategic Planning Trinity Anglican Church, Inc.</p>
<p>Chaplain Wendell Hollingsworth Hospice of Southwest Georgia</p>
<p>Pastor Leon Jones Mercy Seat Christian Church</p>
<p>Pastor Mike Keown Coolidge Baptist Church</p>
<p>Pastor Charles Neely Friendship Baptist Church, Inc.</p>

\* Board Members are senior pastors or ministry leaders who demonstrate a faithful commitment to the vision of CTI. Our vision involves promoting the partnership of local pastors and their congregations and others, seeking together to pray, love, lead, and disciple our community into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, our Lord. All pastors and ministry leaders who claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share the vision, pray, and partner together, as God leads, “that we all may be one”...”that the world may believe.” *John 17:21*

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**I, the undersigned**, join other Christians in making or renewing the foregoing prayer covenant, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person Making Covenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address or Telephone Number

# Proclamation

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has designated Thursday, May 6, 2010 as the 59<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, our local, state, and national leaders are confronted daily with difficult decisions affecting the future of our community, our state and our country; and

**WHEREAS**, many Christians on a local, state, and national level have chosen Thursday, May 6, 2010, as a day to observe *National Day of Prayer*; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Transformation, Inc. and the pastors involved in various ministerial associations of Thomasville and Thomas County have requested that the Council of the City of Thomasville join them in recognizing Thursday, May 6, 2010 as a Day of Prayer; and

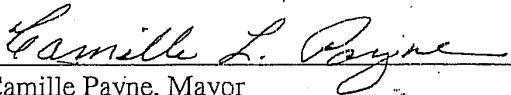
**WHEREAS**, the observance of the National Day of Prayer will renew the faith of those participating and will serve as a catalyst to encourage many persons to unite in prayer, and invoke wisdom and blessing for this governing body, this community, and for our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the pastors and citizens have chosen to hold a special assembly of prayer and devotion in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, to commence at 12:00 noon on the 6th day of May, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, members of this body and other government officials have been invited to participate in this annual observance of the National Day of Prayer in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Camille Payne, Mayor of the City of Thomasville, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2010 as the *National Day of Prayer* in Thomasville and urge all interested citizens to participate.

**SO DONE**, this the 6th day of May 2010.

  
Camille Payne, Mayor

# Resolution

*of the*

*Thomas County Board of Commissioners*

*2010 National Day of Prayer*

*Whereas*, the President of the United States has designated Thursday, May 6, 2010 as the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer with the theme “Prayer... America’s Hope”; and

*Whereas*, the benefits and rewards of prayer to Almighty God have been recognized by our Founding Fathers and by this governing body; and

*Whereas*, our local, State, and national leaders are confronted daily with difficult decisions affecting the future of our community, our state, our troops, and county; and

*Whereas*, many Christians on a local, state, and national level and others who express faith in Almighty God have chosen Thursday, May 6, 2010, as a day to observe as a “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER”, and

*Whereas*, Community Transformation, Inc, and the pastors involved in various ministerial associations of Thomasville and Thomas County have requested that the County Commissioners of Thomas County join them in recognizing Thursday, May 6, 2010 as a Day of Prayer in Thomas County, Georgia; and

*Whereas* the observance of the National Day of Prayer will renew the faith of those participating and will serve as a catalyst to encourage many persons to unite in prayer to Almighty God, to offer thanks for His goodness, to request His longsuffering, mercy, and forgiveness, and invoke His wisdom and blessing for this governing body, this community, and for our state, our troops and our nation; and

*Whereas*, the pastors and citizens have chosen to hold a special assembly of prayer and devotion in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, to commence at 12:00 noon on the 6th day of May, 2010; and

*Whereas*, members of this body and other government officials have been invited to participate in this Nineteenth (19th) Annual Observance of National Day of Prayer in our community; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED*, by the County Commissioners of Thomas County, that Thursday, May 6, 2010 be recognized as the “National Day of Prayer” in Thomas County, Georgia, and all interested citizens of like faith are invited to participate and pray that God will bless all efforts to liberate persons oppressed in any way.

SO DONE this the 6th day of May 2010.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THOMAS COUNTY

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Mary Jo Beverly, Chairman

*Thomas County Board of Commissioners*