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CommunityWide Worship and Prayer Gathering to Mark National Day of Prayer

Albuquerque's Faith Community to Unite at Civic Plaza for FamilyFriendly Celebration

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM — Believers from across New Mexico will gather on Thursday, May 7, at Albuquerque Civic Plaza for a powerful community celebration of the National Day of Prayer. This free, familyfriendly event will bring churches and individuals together for worship, prayer, and encouragement as the community lifts up the city, the state, and the nation. Festivities begin at 4 pm.

The evening will feature vibrant worship led by Bethany Wohrle of Bethel Music, joined by worship leaders from across Albuquerque. Attendees will also hear an inspiring message from Edward Graham, followed by a unified time of prayer focused on local and national leaders, community needs, and cultural concerns.

The event will be hosted by Steve Stucker, bringing energy, clarity, and heart to an evening centered on hope, unity, and faith. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a welcoming atmosphere with activities for children and youth—including a skate competition— along with food trucks throughout the plaza.

Edward Graham is the youngest son of Franklin and Jane Graham and the grandson of the late Billy Graham. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Graham served sixteen years in the U.S. Army, including multiple combat deployments with Special Operations. In 2018, after years of faithful service to the nation, he followed God's call into ministry. Shaped by courage, humility, and a deep reliance on prayer, Graham brings a timely message about seeking God in every season.

Calvary Church Executive Pastor Nate Heitzig shared,

“We're seeing God move in powerful ways across our state and our nation. When we unite in prayer for our leaders and our communities, we're declaring that real hope and lasting change are found only in Jesus Christ. The gospel still transforms lives—and we're believing God to do that work across New Mexico.”

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. Established by Congress in 1952 and

signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, it has grown into a nationwide movement marked by public prayer and community gatherings.

About Calvary Church

Calvary Church is a nondenominational Christian church founded in 1982 by Skip Heitzig, with four campuses in New Mexico. Service times are available at calvarynm.church, and are held online via livestream every Wednesday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. With more than 16,000 weekly inperson attendees and a global online audience, Calvary Church exists to create life change through the message of Jesus Christ.

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