WHEN AMERICA PRAYS

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Your support and prayers have made it possible for churches, businesses and government to come together to transform cities and states.

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New Mexico
United prayer in 27 New Mexican cities has resulted in transformation that can be felt and measured.

Texas
Pastors in three major Texas cities are seeing unprecedented unity among churches.

Washington State
In 2018, churches in 10 cities came together to cover their state in prayer for spiritual awakening.



October is Balloon Fiesta time in Albuquerque, where I live. Seeing these balloons lift off after the fire heats up their core is the perfect illustration of what God is doing in and through America Prays.

The fire of prayer is burning bright in many states now, and it is causing the church to be lifted up to see things from God's perspective. Not only do we see answers to our prayers, but we also see our cities and states in a different light. We pray and He answers in ways that move us to be his hands and feet.

In this newsletter, you will read about the remarkable ways in which God is transforming New Mexico through 24/7 prayer and how pastors and churches are uniting in prayer in states like Washington and Texas. All this is made possible because of your partnership with America Prays.

Thank you for standing with us.

Brian Alarid
President & CEO



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HOW 24/7 PRAYER IS TRANSFORMING NEW MEXICO

By Brian Alarid

For years, New Mexico has ranked last or next to last in economy and family prosperity and 2nd in poverty rate, to mention a few statistics. Since 2017, believers from many denominations have laid their differences aside to pray for their state in unity. The answers to their prayers have been stunning.

I was a 17-year-old student in Bible College when I read a story that would forever change my life. It was the account of the Moravian prayer movement that began in Herrnhut, Germany in 1727. That year, a few believers covenanted to start a 24/7 prayer chain with at least two people praying every hour. Little did they know that their prayer watch would last over 100 years. By 1791, the Moravians had prayed non-stop for 65 years and sent over 300 missionaries around the world.

Ever since I read the Moravian story for that very first time, I've had a burning passion to see every church become a house of prayer and every nation of the world covered in 24/7 prayer. Fast forward to January 1, 2017—a few pastor friends and I launched New Mexico Prays, a movement covering our state in 24/7 prayer. Today, there are 100 churches in 27 cities across New Mexico that have adopted a monthly day of prayer. They cover 12 or 24 hours in prayer with people praying in 30-60-minute segments.

Adopting a monthly day of prayer is not the end game, but it is a simple way for churches to make prayer a part of their monthly rhythm and develop a culture of prayer. "God has used New Mexico Prays to not only bring the body of Christ together throughout our state in focused prayer, but also our congregation at New Beginnings Church," said Richard Mansfield, the Senior Pastor of New Beginnings Church in Albuquerque.

Unceasing prayer is happening in homes, places of work, college dorms, coffee shops, parks, and churches. Through united prayer, we are witnessing Jesus transform our economy and confront the abortion crisis. The hungry are being fed and the poor are being served. We took Jeremiah 29:7 to heart and began praying for the peace and prosperity of our state: "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." God made it clear that prayer plays a vital role in the safety and prosperity of your community.

New Mexico was ranked 50th in the family prosperity index, 49th in economy, and has the 2nd highest poverty rate in the nation. But when God's people pray, God hears from heaven and things begin to change. A state that was facing an expected $200

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Economics

New Mexico Top Performing State Economy Since Trump Took Office

By Alexandre Tanzi

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A recent Bloomberg News Report about the surprising economic turnaround in New Mexico

million deficit now has a $1.2 billion surplus. According to a Bloomberg news report, since the beginning of 2017, New Mexico is #1 in job increases and wage increases. To be clear, new economic policies, a thriving oil and gas industry, and the hard work of many have made this possible. However, it is too drastic of a turnaround to be explained by natural solutions alone.

Another area where we have seen answers to prayer is in the abortion issue. Albuquerque, the largest city in our state, has been known as the 'late-term abortion capital of America.' Since churches began praying 24/7 for an end to late-term abortion in New Mexico, three abortion clinics have closed.

Furthermore, for over two decades, UNM's Health and Sciences Department conducted research on aborted baby parts. In a remarkable turn of events, UNM has now ended the controversial program.

Church unity is one of our main prayer focuses, in accordance with Jesus' prayer in John 17:21, "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." A unified church is the most credible witness to the world that Jesus is Lord. We have asked God to unite the church of New Mexico across denominational lines and Jesus has begun to answer that prayer.

Southern Baptist, Reformed, Presbyterian, Calvary Chapel, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Catholic, Messianic Jews, and non-denominational churches have come together in prayer to see God transform our state. We have laid aside our theological differences to exalt the name of Jesus Christ.





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WHEN WE PRAY GOD GIVES US HIS HEART FOR THE POOR

80,000 lbs of groceries are distributed by church volunteers at the June 23 Convoy of Hope Outreach in Albuquerque, NM.



We believe that only a united church can heal a divided nation. "I have been in Albuquerque for 38 years and I've never seen pastors come together for anything like this. It is changing the climate," says New Mexico Ministry Network Pastor Micheal Dickenson.

It is our conviction that a praying church is also a compassionate church that serves the poor and neglected. Acts 1:14 reveals that the Early Church was devoted to prayer: "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer." Their lifestyle of prayer gave birth to generosity and compassion, as seen in Acts 2:44-45: "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need." Both then and now, when God's people pray, He gives us His heart for the poor.

New Mexico Prays churches are uniting to serve our communities and love them like they have never been loved before. On June 23, 2018, over 100 churches, non-profits, businesses, and government agencies partnered together to sponsor a Convoy of Hope outreach at the Albuquerque Convention Center. We gave away over $1 million worth of goods and services—including 80,000 pounds of groceries, 9,900 meals, 1,600 gardens in a bag, and 3,000 pairs of shoes. Now, we are partnering with Albuquerque Public Schools to feed over 2,000 needy and homeless children and their families this Thanksgiving. As in the days of the Moravians, prayer is moving us to mission and service.

On October 7, 2017, we launched America Prays to unite and equip 40,000 churches in prayer for a national spiritual awakening. This is a Jesus-centered, local-church based prayer movement that God is using to transform communities. Imagine what will happen when every city, county, and state in America is covered in worship-saturated prayer!

Are you encouraged by what is happening in New Mexico? I believe that Jesus can do even greater things in your city and your state as believers and churches heed the Scriptural command to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). You can join the movement today and cover your community in 24/7 prayer at AmericaPrays.org.

J. Edwin Orr made this powerful observation, "No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer." It is my deeply held belief that a new Moravian 24/7 prayer movement will propel America into the greatest spiritual awakening and harvest of souls in our nation's history. We can only win this battle for the soul of our nation on our knees.

Believers in three major cities in Texas lead the way in prayin for their state



Pastors and leaders in Austin, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth are leading the way in unceasing prayer for their state.



AUSTIN: Under the leadership of Pastor Trey Kent, Austin, Texas has been covered with night and day prayer for 10 years by churches in the Unceasing Prayer Movement. Currently, 70 churches have adopted one day a month to pray for the greater Austin area. Churches in Austin are experiencing unprecedented unity. Quarterly citywide prayer meetings are helping to change the very heart of our city. Anywhere from 300 to 2500 people gather across denominational and congregational lines to cry out for a transformed city during these prayer meetings. God is answering our prayers! The Unceasing Prayer Movement is excited to be a part of America Prays and thrilled to be partnering with San Antonio area pastors and leaders to launch San Antonio Prays this fall.

HOUSTON: A few years ago Tom Victor became aware of the prayer movement in Whatcom County, Washington State, and wondered what 24/7 prayer at the local church level would look like in Houston, the fourth largest and most diverse city in the U.S. In January 2016 Tom and others launched "The 1 Church Initiative," and since then, 140 local churches representing many worship styles, traditions and ethnicities have committed to cover one day a month in prayer. The dream is to see 1,500 local churches engaged in united, strategic, sustainable prayer. As we pray, partnerships are already emerging. The local Christian radio station, KSBJ, is helping them spread the vision by sharing stories of answered prayer over the airwaves. The Superintendent of the local school district provides some of the prayer points for the Education Strategic Team. He asked people to pray that each of the 43 public schools would have a "church partner." Since then, God has knit local churches and schools in amazing ways. Currently, 26 of our 43 public schools have one or more church partners who provide hundreds of mentors that serve "at risk" students and their families. God is moving in Houston through His praying church!

DALLAS: 'DFW PRAYS,' led by Lewis Hogan, Founder of United Cry, was officially launched in January, 2018. Since then, 70 churches and houses of prayer have responded to the call to adopt a day of prayer for our city and state. Our goal for this year is to grow that number to at least 150 churches praying 24/7 for our Metroplex. By the end of 2019, we hope to have between 300-500 churches who pray together and seek transformation for the metroplex.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the launch of San Antonio Prays this fall and for pastors to catch the vision of engaging their churches in 24/7 prayer.
- Pray for the 'Capital Revival Night' scheduled for 11/11/2018 in Austin Texas.

WASHINGTON STATE IS COVERED IN 24/7 PRAYER

By Dr. Jason Hubbard



24/7 prayer has been happening in Whatcom County, Washington for almost 10 years. This January, that prayer covering extended to the whole state of Washington under Washington Prays.

After months of planning, we launched Washington Prays last spring at a large city reaching gathering of pastors and leaders in the greater Seattle area. Currently, we have 120 churches from 10 different cities in Washington signed up for a monthly day of prayer! Our vision for Washington Prays is to unite and equip 1000 local churches in 24/7 prayer for a state-wide Christ awakening here in the Northwest!



In August we gathered the leaders together from these cities for a 2 day prayer retreat to commit Washington Prays to the Lord. It was a powerful time to seek the Lord together on behalf of our state! We had First Nation leaders, pastors and government officials with us that day. Dennis Fuqua, who leads the national pastors prayer summit movement, led us in prayer and Matt Ferrel, who leads our state's children's prayer network, facilitated some amazing times of praise and worship. May the Lamb receive the due reward for his sufferings in the Northwest!"



We have seen some major breakthroughs in several areas as we pray for our state and our country:

- Abortions in Whatcom County have consistently decreased over the past years from 588 to 402 and now to 390.
- The U.S. Senate passed legislation called FOSTA (the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act). As a result, Backpage.com, a website used primarily to sell sex, was shut down. Craigslist has announced that it will shut down its personals section which has been used to solicit sex in the past.
- Engedi Refuge continues to lead the way in maintaining a 90% re-entry rate for women returning to a healthy lifestyle after being victims of trafficking.
- Skookum Kids continues to grow. The foster licensing portion of Skookum has grown by 37 foster families this year.

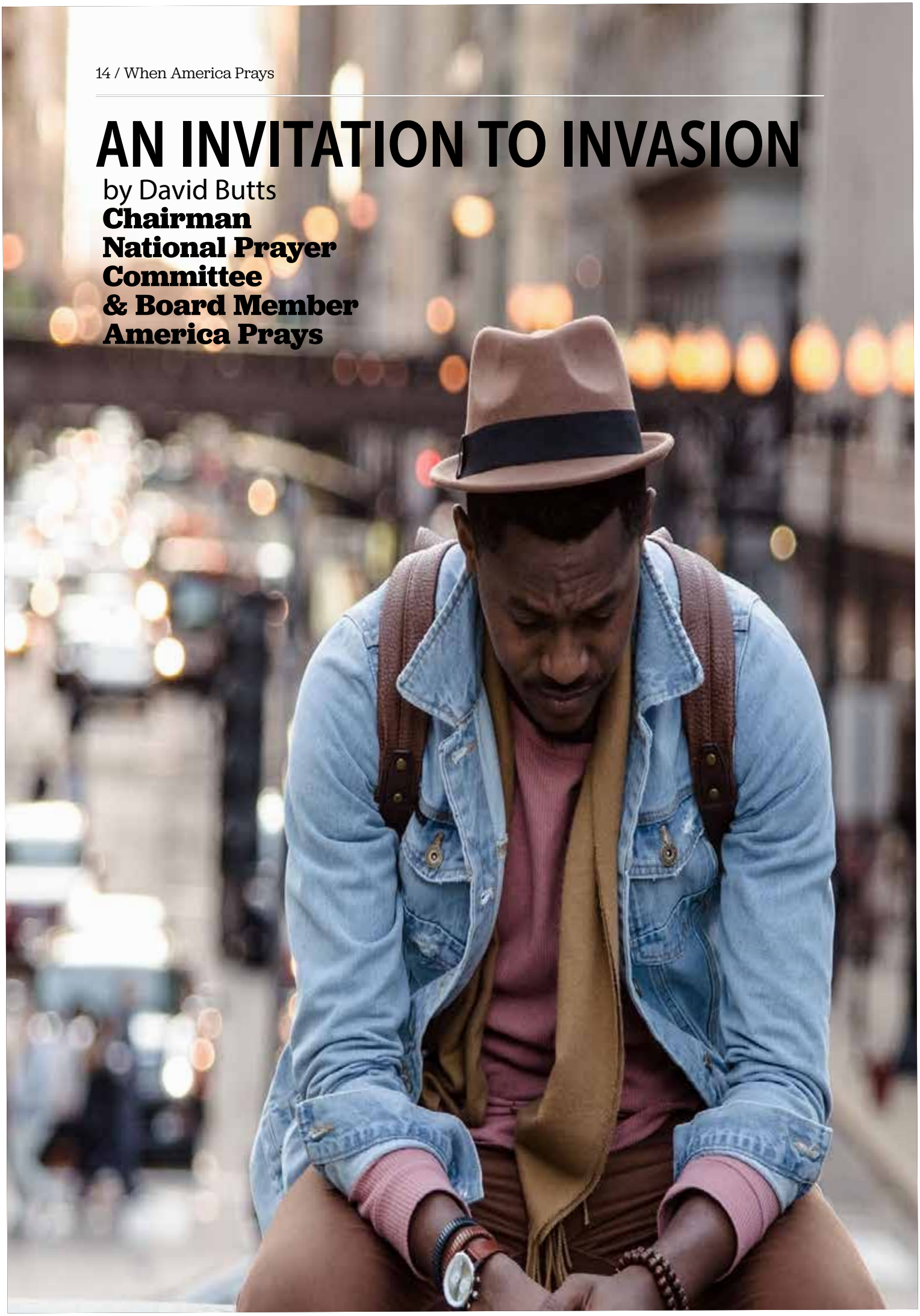
Please pray for favor with pastors and leaders as we seek to engage 1000 churches in 24/7 prayer for our state.



Pastors gather for a time of prayer for each other at a recent Washington Prays Retreat.

AN INVITATION TO INVASION

by David Butts
Chairman
National Prayer
Committee
& Board Member
America Prays





I believe that one of the most powerful, transformative prayers that can be prayed in any circumstance, is: "Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done." As I was praying this one day over a particular situation, I sensed from the Lord that this was an invitation for an invasion. An invasion of the Kingdom of God into the kingdom of my own little world.

We all have a strong tendency to serve as rulers over our own kingdoms. Of course, our little kingdoms are a wreck. The problem is bad leadership...and yes...we are each the incompetent leaders of our individual kingdoms. Sometimes the best thing that can happen is a benevolent invasion.

Years ago I was visiting in the totalitarian nation of Myanmar. In a fascinating conversation with a Burmese taxi driver, he said he wished that the United States would invade his country. Quite apart from the morality or rightness of such an invasion, it was a very revealing statement. This taxi driver saw the suffering of his people under bad rulers, and wished for a beneficent invasion.

Perhaps we need the clarity of that Burmese driver regarding our own personal kingdoms. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told us we are blessed when we recognize that we are spiritually poor. With the humble awareness that we are miserable rulers of our own kingdoms, perhaps we will begin to offer an invitation to an invasion as we pray in each and every situation of life, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done."

Adapted from an article originally published on HarvestPrayer.com.

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL PRAYERS WE CAN PRAY IS, "YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE."

An Eternal Investment

Ed and Elizabeth Horne are the developers of Santa Rita Ranch, a master planned community that received the "2017 Community of the Year Award" from the Austin Business Journal and the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin. Ed and Elizabeth have already invested $8 million in one-of-a-kind amenities for this community, but land and business are not the only investments the Horne's make nowadays.

Back in the Summer of 2017, Ed and Elizabeth Horne sat across from Brian Alarid in their Austin, Texas home as he sought their counsel about starting the ministry of America Prays. Over the course of two full days, many plans were discussed, but the conversation that impacted Ed the most started with a request from his wife Elizabeth: "Will you teach us how to hear the voice of God, Brian?" "For two days," says Ed, "in between strategy sessions, meals, and prayer times, Brian took us aside and taught us patiently how to discern God's voice using Scripture and illustrations from his own prayer life. I already understood the vision of America Prays, but during those two days I also got to know the heart of this ministry and its leader. I knew that through America Prays, thousands and even millions would learn how to pray and hear answers that would transform their lives, their cities and eventually our nation. That is why I place great value on my investment in America Prays."

Elizabeth says, "For seven years, we had been praying for revival to come to America, and when we heard about America Prays, we knew that it would be the vehicle God would use to revive His church." Ed adds, "The model of America Prays is groundbreaking because it has pastors at its core. It reaches across denominational lines and invites pastors and their churches to unite around the one thing we can all agree on—cry out to God for awakening! If you can engage the pastor in prayer, you engage his church for years to come. This is key to the sustainability of the prayer movement."

Regarding the good fruit she sees coming out of America Prays, Elizabeth remarks, "Business people like us love to hear results-oriented ideas, and we knew America Prays was one of those ideas." Ed adds, "It had already been proven effective in Austin by the Unceasing Prayer Movement, led by Pastor Trey Kent for the last ten years. We know what prayer has done for our city and we know what it will do for America. Now we are seeing undeniable results in places like Albuquerque, New Mexico, where pastors first engaged their churches in 24/7 prayer and are now seeing God transform their city in remarkable ways."



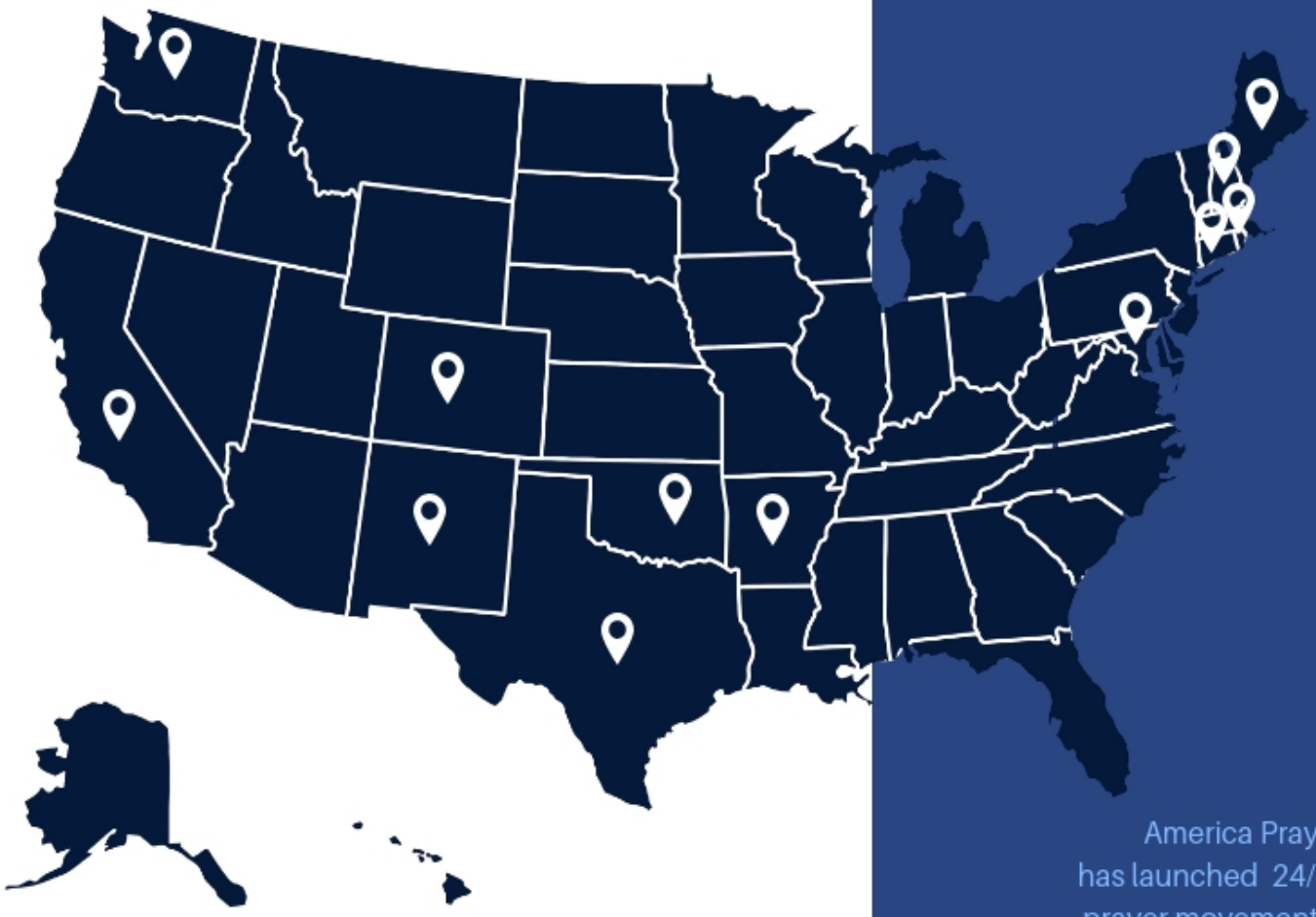
ABOVE: ED and Elizabeth Horne lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Santa Rita Ranch,

When asked what they would tell someone who is considering becoming a donor to America Prays, Ed said, "America Prays is a ministry committed to engage the Church in the most important activity this side of heaven—Prayer. This is a movement that, in my opinion, will impact America more than any other ministry I know of today. They will engage 40,000 American churches in prayer in the next few years. Just imagine believers in 40,000 churches crying out day and night for a national spiritual awakening! There is no doubt in my mind that God will hear our thundering cries for revival and transformation and He will give us the petition of our hearts. That is why I say to one and all, there is no better return on investment than America Prays."

BELOW: Elizabeth Horne, Brian Alarid and Ed Horne attend the National Day of Prayer Governor's Breakfast in Austin Texas last year.



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PRESENCE & IMPACT



America Prays has launched 24/7 prayer movements in the following 12 states:

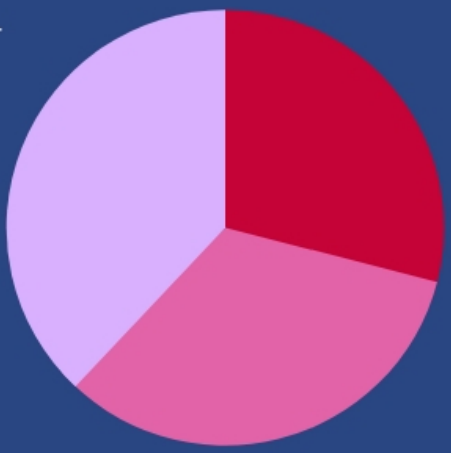
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California
Colorado
Connecticut
Maine
Massachussetts
New Hampshire
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Rhode Island
Texas
Washington

On average, it costs $50,000 to mobilize 24/7 prayer in a metropolitan area and $100,000 or more per state. " Texas, New York, and Florida will cost $300,000 each and California will cost $500,000.

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GOAL & BUDGET

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE
$4.8 MILLION OVER THE NEXT
3 YEARS TO MOBILIZE 24/7
PRAYER IN ALL 50 STATES
BY THE END OF 2021.

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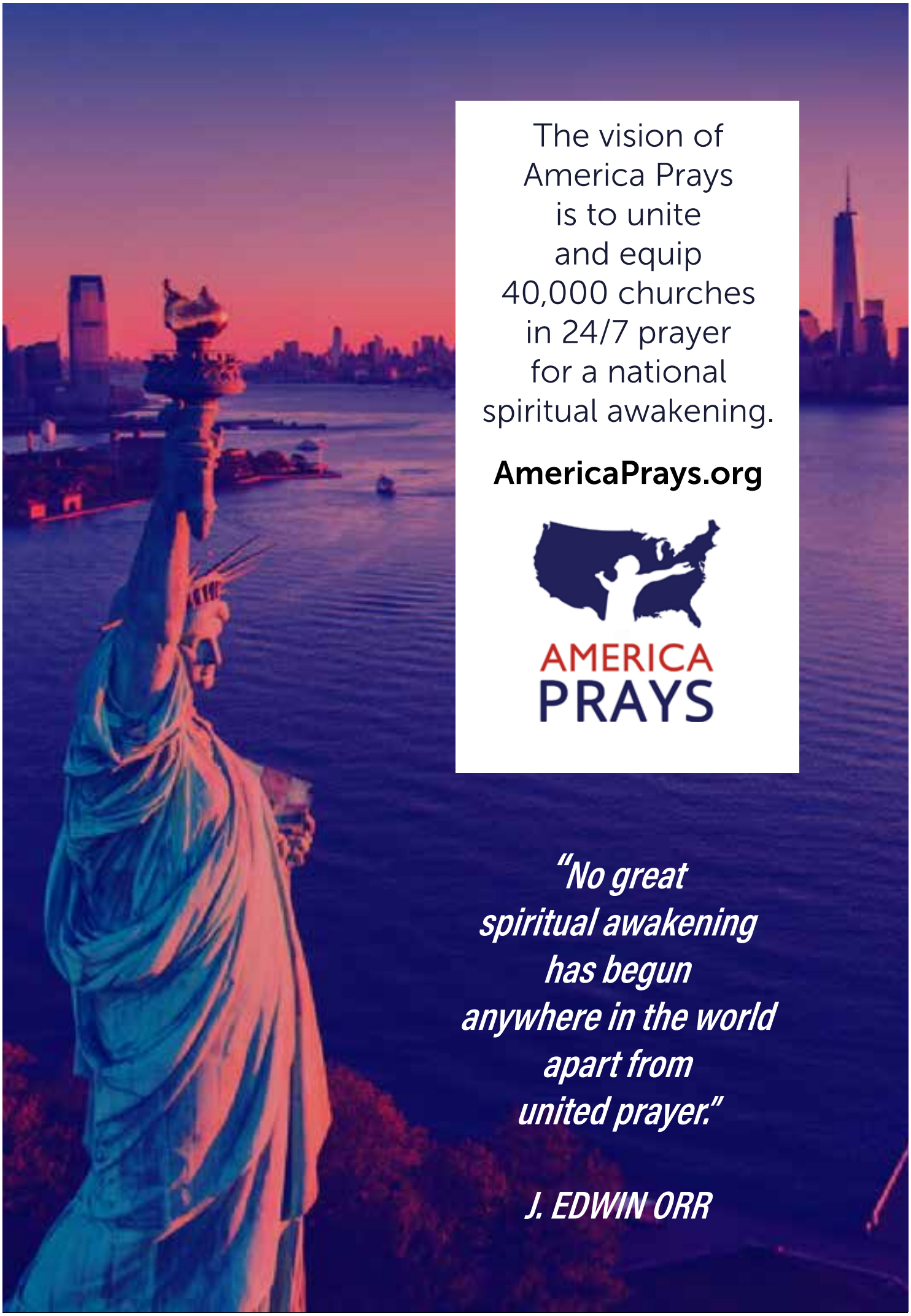


2019 BUDGET
29%
$1,400,000
to reach
12 states

2020 BUDGET
33%
$1,600,000
to reach
13 states

2021 BUDGET
38%
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