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**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ACTUALITY  
FOR NOVEMBER 2, 1990**

- o Almost two months ago, I addressed the American people from the Oval Office to explain the very difficult decision we made to send American troops to defend against Saddam Hussein's aggression. I said, "In the life of a nation, we're called upon to define who we are and what we believe."
  
- o Well, in the short span of time since that address, world reaction to Iraq's invasion has been swift and resolute. ~~Our presence in the Persian Gulf -- over 210,000 troops -- is now capable of defending against an Iraqi first strike.~~ The world has decisively and repeatedly sided with us in condemning Iraq's invasion, calling for its unilateral and unconditional withdrawal, denouncing its treatment of Western hostages and innocent civilians, and its barbaric destruction and plundering of the Kuwait.
  
- o But beyond these actions, America's position has not changed. Our resolution to counter this outrageous and brutal act of aggression remains as firm as ever, as does our commitment to protecting the sovereignty and independence of neighboring Gulf states. Indeed, our actions have spoken volumes about America, about our inspiring determination to stand up for principles, make real sacrifices, and act collectively in the face of adversity.

- o I asked Americans to join in prayer for those protecting and defending America's interests -- the brave young men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the Persian Gulf. Barbara and I have been so heartened by the outpouring of your prayers and thoughts.
  
- o Today I urge Americans of all faiths and walks of life to unite once again to remember those who cannot be with us today. Over a year ago I spoke on the need for prayer. I said, "we're facing some serious opportunities and some great opportunities in our country...and I believe that a wonderful resource in dealing with them is prayer -- not just prayer for what we want but prayer for what is in the heart of God for us individually and as a nation."
  
- o You know, I began my Inaugural Address with a prayer out of a deep sense of need and desire for God's wisdom in the decisions we face. With American troops so solidly massed against aggression overseas, we must continue to pray for those in whom we entrust the future of this country. Today should be such a day. Thank you and God bless you.

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ACTUALITY  
FOR OCTOBER 31, 1990**

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