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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 31, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
DURING THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Washington Hilton Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

9:50 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much for that warm welcome. And let me just greet our -- Prime Minister Henry here and Prime Minister Ratu Mara and President Goncz over here and all the other visitors from overseas.

And I want to pay my special respects to the members of the Senate and House Prayer Group. I would also like to single out Doug Coe, who has been such a guiding light in all of this. (Applause.) And, of course, our special thanks to Joe Gibbs and to Governor Buddy Romer for sharing in such a personal way their faith.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone involved in this marvelous event. Dr. Graham was reminding Barbara and me when we came over here of its genesis, and how President Eisenhower, he felt, seemed very nervous about whether this would be the right thing to do and whether it would be a fulfilling experience for the people that attended. And I expect Ike would, if he could have attended this one, would have had no doubts whatsoever.

I want to thank everyone for their concern and prayers about Barbara's recent accident. In these days of environmental terrorism -- (laughter) -- I can happily report that the tree is very well and so is Barbara Bush doing very well, I might say. (Applause.) And I say that with considerable pride. (Applause.)

This is a diverse group. I've never seen anything quite like it -- politically or anything else. But we do have one thing in common: We stand together in prayer. Let me just share a letter -- a true letter I received here from a mother who told me a story about her five-year-old son's evening prayers. As he knelt by his bed, this kid was kneeling in prayer, and his parents explained that they were going to pray together for President Bush so that he would have the wisdom to get the hostages out of Iraq. And after a minute of deep thinking, the little boy said, "Mom, how is a bush going to get the people out of the rock, and how did they get there in the first place?" Well, the mother, in her wrap-up of the letter, said that it was a good thing the Lord knew what the boy was praying for, because he sure didn't. (Laughter.) But, you know, the hostages came out of Iraq. (Laughter.)

So I believe the Lord does hear our prayers. Joe put it very beautifully here. I know our country is praying for peace. And across this nation the churches, the synagogues, the mosques are packed, record attendance at services. In fact, the night the war began, Dr. Graham was at the White House. And he spoke to us then of the importance of turning to God as a people of faith, turning to Him in hope. And then the next morning, Dr. Graham went over to Fort Myer where we had a lovely service leading our nation in a beautiful prayer service there, with special emphasis on the troops overseas.

So I expect when Barbara and I were there at that prayer service, we were doing -- only doing what everyone in America was doing -- praying for peace.

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You know, America is a nation founded under God. And from our very beginnings we have relied upon His strength and guidance in war and in peace. And this is something we must never forget. Just yesterday -- you're going to think I do nothing but read the mail -- (laughter) -- but just yesterday I got a letter from a man who pointed out to me that during the State of the Union message that I had neglected to make any mention of God. And I was somewhat defensive about that, so I quickly went back and I did see at the very end "may God bless America." But then I got realizing that this man was correct. I have learned what I suppose every President has learned, and that is that one cannot be President of our country without faith in God. And without knowing with certainty that we are one nation under God. So I think I should have made that clear -- more clear that God is our rock and salvation, and we must trust Him and keep faith in Him.

And so we ask his blessings upon us and upon every member, not just of our Armed Forces, but of our coalition armed forces, with respect for the religious diversity that is represented as these 28 countries stand up against aggression.

Today I'm asking and designating that Sunday, February 3rd, be a national day of prayer. And I encourage all people of faith to say a special prayer on that day -- a prayer for peace; a prayer for the safety of our troops; a prayer for their families; a prayer for the innocents caught up in this war; and a prayer that God will continue to bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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9:57 A.M. EST

**NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST \ THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990  
WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL \ 8:30 A.M.**

**GOOD MORNING. PRIME MINISTER HENRY, PRIME MINISTER MARA, PRESIDENT GONCZ [GUNTZ] ... LET ME SALUTE ALL OF OUR GUESTS, FROM SO MANY NATIONS, WHO HAVE JOINED US TO PRAY FOR PEACE AND GUIDANCE; AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE PRAYER GROUPS.**

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**ALSO, MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO SO MANY OF YOU, WHOSE YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO THIS FELLOWSHIP BRINGS US TOGETHER TODAY -- WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO TAKE THE TIME WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE PRAYER GROUPS.**

**AND I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONCERN AND PRAYERS AFTER BARBARA'S RECENT ACCIDENT.**

**IN THESE DAYS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN, I CAN REPORT THAT THE TREE IS DOING VERY WELL, AND SO, MIGHT I ADD WITH CONSIDERABLE PRIDE, IS BARBARA BUSH.**

**AS I LOOK AROUND THE ROOM, I SEE MEN AND WOMEN OF EVERY COLOR AND CREED. BUT AS DIVERSE AS THIS GROUP MAY BE, WE HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON: WE STAND TOGETHER IN PRAYER.**

**LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A LETTER THAT I RECEIVED RECENTLY FROM A MOTHER WHO TOLD ME A STORY ABOUT HER SON'S EVENING PRAYERS. AS THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD KNELT BY HIS BED, HIS PARENTS EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO PRAY TOGETHER FOR PRESIDENT BUSH, SO THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE WISDOM TO GET THE HOSTAGES OUT OF IRAQ. AFTER A MINUTE OF DEEP THINKING, THE LITTLE BOY SAID, "MOM, HOW IS A BUSH GOING TO GET THE PEOPLE OUT OF THE ROCK, AND HOW DID THEY GET IN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?" //**

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THE NEXT MORNING, REV. GRAHAM LED OUR NATION IN A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER SERVICE AT FORT MYER. MRS. BUSH AND I WERE THERE, I EXPECT WE WERE ONLY DOING WHAT EVERYONE IN AMERICA WAS DOING -- WE WERE PRAYING FOR PEACE.

BUT AMERICA IS A NATION FOUNDED UNDER GOD -- AND FROM OUR VERY BEGINNINGS, WE HAVE RELIED UPON HIS STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE IN WAR AND IN PEACE. THIS IS SOMETHING WE MUST NEVER FORGET.

**A PRAYER FOR PEACE.**

**A PRAYER FOR THE SAFETY OF THE TROOPS.**

**A PRAYER FOR THEIR FAMILIES.**

**A PRAYER FOR THE INNOCENTS CAUGHT UP IN THIS WAR,  
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**A PRAYER THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS THE UNITED  
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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS EVERY ONE OF YOU.**

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Grant/Blymire  
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A:PRAYER

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Prayer Breakfast

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no comments from a policy standpoint. We approve of the remarks in their current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 01/28/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday 01/29

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST  
(01/28 draft)

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward your comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 01/29, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Staff Secretary  
 Ext. 2702

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And as mankind rose to wage war against an enemy of no conscience, we looked to God for guidance. For months we heard many voices, around the world and in our own country, in a ringing clash of debate. Yet we also heard a deeper, stronger note of unity resound. It was the steadfast unity of freedom and liberty -- as diverse a union as the people in this room, and as wide an alliance as ever was. For through it all -- as events unfolded, as nations allied and as diplomats worked around the clock -- through it all, **we prayed.**

We prayed for peace, in every church and synagogue and mosque in the world. We prayed from our hearts and souls, for we knew the struggle and suffering which lay ahead. And just as the nations of the world now stand united against the aggressor, their peoples stand united in prayer. Indeed, **"Blest be the tie that binds."**

And it is because of our unity that we shall prevail. Fifty years ago on this very day, Sir Winston Churchill spoke to his nation as it faced a similar evil: "We shall come through ... None of us any doubt whatever, nor is there much doubt among lovers of freedom in other countries throughout the world, that we shall come through with triumph."

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THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON  
FROM:               MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*  
SUBJECT:            NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your review are brief remarks for the 39th Annual National Prayer Breakfast, to be held on Thursday, January 31st at 8:00 a.m. at the Washington Hilton. You will be introduced by Congressman Charles Stenholm of Texas, this year's Chairman.

II. DISCUSSION

Approximately 3,000 people will attend this event, including 149 Congressmen, about 100 Ambassadors, assorted Cabinet and Administration officials, and three heads of state.

At Doug Coe's suggestion, your remarks emphasize unity and reconciliation. You close with a prayer for the troops.

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 And may God grant eternal happiness <sup>and rest</sup> to those who have given their  
 lives; may we never forget the full measure of their devotion and  
 sacrifice. With all glory and honor to You, Amen.

Thank you very much and God bless every one of you.

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*and in your name,*

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*from Dan Humbace*

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

91 JAN 29 P12:11

DATE: 01/28/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday 01/29

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**RESPONSE:**

*Don - Here is a copy of the remarks. I will staff + read 1st thing in the morning. Thanks*

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1991  
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*As the nations of the world have risen as one to oppose a tyrannical, unjust aggressor who threatens world peace*  
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*a prayer and a verse of Scripture.*  
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*The verse of Scripture ~~I would like to end on~~ comes from the end of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:*

*"Be of one mind, live at peace. And the ~~God~~ of love and peace will be with you." [Pause.]*

*my prayer is*

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RESPONSE:

January 29, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff has reviewed the draft presidential remarks and concurs as amended.

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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(Churchill  
not only  
then for Winston)

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RESPONSE: *No comment*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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Ext. 2702

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 JAN 29 11:37

January 29, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: JAY S. BYBEE *JB*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- National Prayer Breakfast

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks. We have no legal objections; however, we question the tenor of one paragraph of the speech.

This speech is carefully written to be non-denominational. The Biblical passages are of general application and the prayer, though written in Christian vernacular, contains no specific reference to Christ. The first paragraph on page 2 is the one exception. It refers to Christ in a personal vein, affirming the President's own acceptance of Christ as Lord. It is well known, of course, that the President is a religious man and a Christian, but this reference seems out of place given the acknowledgement elsewhere of the "followers of every major world religion" who are assembled and the prayers for peace offered in "every church and synagogue and mosque in the world."

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE:

Dan Heimbach provided comments directly to Chriss Winston. Those are the only comments for Cabinet Affairs. Thanks.

Holly Williamson  
1-29-91

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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**RESPONSE:**

*Chris LNK: This is good; please see some minor suggestions. My more general comment is that I think this is about 1/2 page too short.*

*Thanks,  
 Jan 4/29*

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Thank you very much and God bless every one of you.

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Is there any way  
we could use the  
term - "moral  
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AL REMARKS: NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1991  
WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL  
8:00 A.M.

((Acknowledgements -- Administration  
officials, religious leaders, etc. And I want to salute our  
guests from so many nations, who have joined us to pray for peace  
and guidance ... ))

Also, my heartfelt thanks to my friend, Doug Coe, for his  
thirty-nine years of commitment to organizing this fellowship  
breakfast. ///

As I look around the room, I am heartened to see men and  
women of every color and creed -- citizens from over 140 nations  
-- gathered together for a quiet moment of meditation in this  
tempest of history. This morning we have among us followers of  
every major world religion -- Jew and Christian, Moslem and  
Buddhist alike -- from all corners of the Earth.

But no matter what our individual beliefs may be, all of us  
have journeyed here -- some of us from just down the street,  
others from the plains of Africa and the street corners of Moscow  
-- with one thing in common. **We have all come to pray.** Allow me  
to share with you the words of Psalm 67:

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to  
shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy  
saving power among **all** nations. Let the peoples praise Thee, O  
God; **let all the peoples praise Thee.**"

This morning, we gather in the spirit of Christ. Together, we have come to ask the Lord's guidance and strength, to rededicate ourselves to Him, and to reaffirm our faith in Him -- **for we are united in Him**, just as the Bible tells us: He is our refuge and our strength.

And as mankind rose to wage war against an enemy of no conscience, we looked to God for guidance. For months we heard many voices, around the world and in our own country, in a ringing clash of debate. Yet we also heard a deeper, stronger note of unity resound. It was the steadfast unity of freedom and liberty -- as diverse a union as the people in this room, and as wide an alliance as ever was. For through it all -- as events unfolded, as nations allied and as diplomats worked around the clock -- through it all, **we prayed.**

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