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## **COALITION OF EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS JOIN FORCES FOR URGENT CALL TO PRAY AND FAST FOR AMERICA**

*It's Now Time for Renewal of American Faith and Values*

WASHINGTON, DC—RISE Up, an event organized by Lou Engle's The Call, announced today its support for the **25<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting (IWOPF), October 1 -9, 2017** where both events will promote respect for life and family. Women from across the country are being summoned to “the most urgent gathering for intercession and hope” on **Washington’s National Mall on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9, 2017**. The final day for the **International Week of Prayer and Fasting** will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

"America should take note from our Christian groups, we are all coming together to pray for our nation. We are rising up and above the anti-life culture for the renewal of the American faith. “Women have a special gift for prayer and for compassion. Look at the women of the Bible and throughout history, their prayers impacted nations and set the world on fire with revival,” says **Lou Engle, president and founder of The Call**.

"We are blessed that an event like RISE Up is supporting us for the **25<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting**. We as Christian groups are joining together in solidarity to pray and fast for America. In light of yesterdays violent and tragic event in Las Vegas, Nevada our country and our world is in dire need of prayer and fasting to combat this evil," says **Maureen Flynn, co-founder of the IWOPF**.

The **International Week of Prayer and Fasting** is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds to pray for an end to the "culture of death," and for a newfound

appreciation for basic human rights, particularly in the United States of America. The event will take place from October 1<sup>st</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, 2017—Lou Engle will speak at the final day of the **25<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting** at an all-day prayer vigil at the Basilica on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM. The final day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with prayers and speakers including *Eric Scheidler*, director of Pro-Life Action League, *Teresa Tomeo*, EWTN TV and Radio Host, and *Immaculee Ilibagiza* survivor of the 1994 Rwanda genocide. *Lou Engle* of TheCall will be the final speaker that day at 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) for more information.

The RISE Up is non-denominational and a-Political. It is simply focused on petitioning God on behalf of the country in a spirit of unity, love and compassion. #riseup is sponsored by TheCall. The event takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend of Promise Keeper's "Stand in the Gap" which gathered a million plus men to the Mall in 1997.

The International Prayer and Fasting Campaign is a grassroots movement of Catholics and other Christians from around the world participating in a global network of prayer and fasting. Our goal is to mobilize churches, communities, schools, prayer groups, and clergy to pray and fast: for the conversion of all people and nations, to build a culture of life, to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life, for peace and to implore God's Mercy.

For more information or to schedule an interview with a spokesperson from TheCall Rise Up, please contact Cassandre Durocher at 703 739 5920 or [cdurocher@sbpublicaffairs.com](mailto:cdurocher@sbpublicaffairs.com). [For more information on the International Week of Prayer and Fasting visit www.iwopf.org or call 703-707-0799.](http://www.iwopf.org)

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