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Faith Communities Worldwide Invited to Observe Nuclear Prayer Day and Global Days of Prayer and Action, August 6–9

Religious leaders, congregations, and people of goodwill around the world are being invited to participate in Nuclear Prayer Day on August 6 and the Global Days of Prayer and Action from August 6–9, a growing international movement dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons and the pursuit of peace.

The observances commemorate the anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and call people of all faiths and traditions to pray, reflect, educate, and act for a world free of nuclear weapons.

Organized by Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons, a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative (URI), Nuclear Prayer Day seeks to unite people around the world in spiritual solidarity and moral action. In recent years, more than 100,000 people worldwide have participated in prayer and related activities.

“Prayer and action belong together,” stated Monica Willard, Nuclear Prayer Day Global Chair. “People of faith have a unique responsibility to raise a moral and spiritual voice against weapons that threaten all life on Earth.”

This year’s observance carries special significance because August 9 falls on a Sunday, offering congregations and faith communities an ideal opportunity to incorporate the Global Days of Prayer and Action into worship services, sermons, liturgies, vigils, educational forums, youth programs, and community gatherings.

Faith leaders are encouraged to:

- Include prayers for peace and nuclear abolition in worship services
- Observe moments of silence in remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Ring bells, light candles, or hold interfaith vigils
- Share educational resources on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons
- Encourage advocacy and public action for nuclear disarmament
- Invite congregants to reflect on the spiritual and moral dimensions of peacebuilding

Resources, prayers, background information, and participation opportunities are available at:
<https://www.voices-uri.org/nuclear-prayer-day>

About Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons is a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative (URI), bringing together religious leaders, diplomats, scholars, activists, and concerned citizens to advance the abolition of nuclear weapons through prayer, education, dialogue, and action.