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Global Day of Prayer London calls for 1 million to saturate the capital in prayer

GDOP London has set an ambitious target of mobilising an army of 1 million Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer at noon every day in the lead up to this year's Global Day of Prayer event at West Ham Stadium May 30.

"We want people to set their alarm clocks and mobile phones for GMT noon every day to pray the Lord's Prayer. We believe that's going to help us open the heavens and create something of God's presence breaking out on our streets in the capital and across the whole nation," explains GDOP London convener Jonathan Oloyede.

He added: "Set against massive social, financial and spiritual upheaval and the barrenness and fractured nature of much of our society, we are crying out to God to heal our land. Extraordinary times demand extraordinary prayer."

In light of this Oloyede is also calling for churches to commit to pray 24/7 for London and their nation: "We're also inviting churches wherever they are in the country or the capital, to choose a day to pray 24 hours, to pray for their communities, for their capital and for their country.

"If they can find 24 people to pray an hour each, they can go to our website www.gdoplondon.com, to pick up resources which provide help on how to do this or they can designate a day in their 24/7 week.

"Some churches do 24/7 prayers for a whole week. We're just trying to galvanise people to pray more. Just a little bit more. That's what we're encouraging people to do just go that bit extra in prayer for this nation."

Jonathan believes there are several key issues believers should be praying for in London right now: "We want people to pray for young people. We want to keep praying down the crime rates. In the midst of the recession we want people to pray for families below the poverty line and for the security of this capital. The list is endless.

"But really the most important thing is to pray that people would know the love of God. There are many lonely people who don't have family. We want to pray that the love of Jesus breaks into their lives and something of the warmth of his compassion touches them."

To launch this year's GDOP London vision, Christian leaders from across London and the nation are being invited to a special evening event at West Ham stadium on February 11 at 6:30pm.

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Editor's Note:

The Global Day of Prayer London (GDOP) is a movement of collaboration across the Christian Church in the capital towards Unity, Prayer and Transformation, and is part of a global network which began in South Africa at the turn of the Millennium. In 2007 over 250 million Christians united in 203 countries to pray. In London, GDOP has been a focus of prayer and Christian action since 2006. West Ham Stadium 07, and Millwall Football Stadium in 2008, saw a combined attendance of 30,000 Christians attending. Organisers hold a vision to host the 2011 event at Wembley Stadium.