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SCRIPT FOR THREE MINUTE SPOT
FOR THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

WHAT A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU TODAY. I'M DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT DR. BILLY GRAHAM HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF CHRISTIANS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO CONDUCT AN EVANGELISTIC CITYWIDE CRUSADE AT THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER APRIL 27 THROUGH MAY 4.

DR. GRAHAM IS A MAN OF GOD WHOM I HAVE ADMIRER FOR YEARS. HE IS A NATIVE OF MY HOME STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND HE IS REACHING MILLIONS WITH A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST.

BUT I AM ESPECIALLY EXCITED AT THE THOUGHT OF WHAT GOD CAN DO THROUGH THIS OUTREACH IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY INDIVIDUALS AND IN THE LIFE OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL. IT'S NOT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE BLESSINGS OF THIS CRUSADE COULD HAVE FAR-REACHING SIGNIFICANCE.

AND AS YOU WELL KNOW, WHATEVER MAKES AN IMPACT ON WASHINGTON AFFECTS OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. AS LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED SPIRITUALLY AND AS A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF LOVE, JUSTICE, AND MERCY RESULT, THE BENEFIT TO WASHINGTON COULD EASILY BECOME FELT AROUND THE WORLD.

IN WASHINGTON AND FOR OUR NATION, 1986 WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING YEARS IN HISTORY. TODAY THE CHALLENGES ARE ENORMOUS; THE DECISIONS, TOUGH; THE DEMANDS, HEAVY. IT'S A TIME FOR PRAYER. I KNOW THE POWER OF PRAYER IN MY OWN LIFE, AS I'VE SEEN GOD FAITHFULLY ANSWER PRAYERS TIME AND AGAIN. I DRAW MY STRENGTH FROM SUCH PASSAGES AS ISAIAH 40:31, WHERE GOD HAS PROMISED US THAT "THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT

UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY; THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT."

AS I WRESTLE WITH TOUGH PROBLEMS, WHERE THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS, MY EYES FALL ON THE WORDS OF PROVERBS 3:5-6 WHICH I KEEP ON MY DESK. "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL THY WAYS, ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE WILL DIRECT THY PATHS."

THIS CRUSADE IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EVENT! THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU! WE NEED YOUR YOUR DIRECT INVOLVEMENT. WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!

I ASK YOU TO PRAY THAT PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE TOUCHED THROUGH THE CRUSADE BECOME INCORPORATED INTO A CARING LOCAL CHURCH. PRAY, ALSO FOR THE CRUSADE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS IN THEIR VARIOUS

RESPONSIBILITIES. AND AS SOMEONE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, I ASK YOU TO PRAY THAT GOD WILL WORK THROUGH THIS CRUSADE AND THROUGH SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO BRING SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN ALL BRANCHES AND AT ALL LEVELS OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND FAR BEYOND.

AND REMEMBER, GOD TELLS US THAT OUR PRAYER NEED NOT BE ELOQUENT -- JUST SINCERE.

SO LET'S SATURATE THIS EXCITING EVENT WITH PRAYER FROM NOW THROUGH THE ACTUAL WEEK OF THE CRUSADE, APRIL 27TH TO MARCH 4.

LET'S PARTICIPATE IN THIS GREAT WORK OF GOD, SO THAT WHEN WE HEAR OF GOD'S BLESSINGS IN THE CRUSADE, WE CAN THANK HIM FOR THE PRIVILEGE WE HAD OF PLAYING A PART. WITH YOUR HELP, THE WASHINGTON CRUSADE WILL SUCCEED.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

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