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MEDIA ALERT:

See You at the Pole™ is September 27, 2023

Global WEEK of student prayer is September 24-30, 2023.

"WHOLEHEARTED" (from Jeremiah 29:13) is the theme for See You at the Pole™ 2023, which is all about students praying at their schools. The event is planned for Wednesday, September 27, at schools around the world.

The event is more than just one day of prayer. With the continuing challenge of Covid-19 affecting schedules and access at participating schools, students are challenged to find creative ways, places, and times to pray throughout the **Global Week of Student Prayer**—September 24-30.

Then on Wednesday, September 27, if possible, students are encouraged to gather at a school flagpole or other community location to pray. This means that, all around the world in every time zone, for 24 hours, students will be praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities.

This is the 33nd year for See You at the Pole™, a student-initiated and student-led event that started in Burleson, Texas, in 1990. SYATP brings students together to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries.

Everything students need to do a successful SYATP is available free at www.syatp.com. A Facebook page is at "myseeyouatthepole". Promotional resources can be ordered online or by calling (817) HIS-PLAN (817-447-7526) between 9-5 (Central Time), Monday-Friday. Posters, flyers, handbook, T-shirts, silicone wristbands are some of the materials available for 2023. You can also download the "SYATP" mobile app to access all of the planning materials and free daily devotionals.

The San Diego-based National Network of Youth Ministries coordinates SYATP promotion. Doug Clark, national field director of the Network, noted: "See You at the Pole™ is a 'moment.' We hope adults and students will consider turning that **moment** into a **movement** by praying every day. This year, with the continued challenge of disruptions that have affected the US and every country, we need to ask God to pour out His Spirit on us more than ever. The heart of SYATP is extraordinary prayer."

SYATP is partnering with **Claim Your Campus** (<u>ClaimYourCampus.com</u>) to encourage students to daily prayer at their schools. CYC currently supports students praying daily on schools across the nation.

Media note: For more information about See You at the PoleTM and local event leaders, or to set up an interview, contact Doug Clark of the National Network of Youth Ministries office at (858) 946-1410 Monday-Friday from 9-5, Pacific Time; or e-mail dclark@nnym.org. There is also media information on the See You at the PoleTM web site, www.syatp.com. Facebook: go to "myseeyouatthepole".

Audio Broadcast Resources: The See You at the PoleTM web site has Public Service Announcements (PSA) free for download in MP3 format. Access these spots by going to $\underline{www.syatp.com}$ and click on "Downloads."

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