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## Great Lady: A Prayer Legacy

by Dana Olson  
Prayer First Steering Team



In 1988 Bob Ricker, then president of the Baptist General Conference, asked me to chair a new Commission he was forming on prayer. When I saw the lineup of who would serve as Commissioners, I was shocked that I would serve as chair. I didn't even belong on the list!

One of the names that popped out at me right away was Evelyn Christenson. Evelyn was then and remains today the "Great Lady" of the prayer movement, not only in Converge/BGC but also nationally.



Evelyn is greatly loved and respected by prayer leaders across America and around the world. She was calling on Christians to pray fervently long before it became vogue. She was one of the original founders of America's National Prayer Committee, along with Vonette Bright and others.

It was a privilege to serve with her on that first Prayer Commission, and **I have always believed that our Prayer First ministry stood on the foundation laid by Evelyn and her book *What Happens When Women Pray*.**

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### For Your Prayer Time

is a unified effort to provide prayer support for the various ministries, missionaries, and leaders of Converge Worldwide. For a list of daily prayer requests, [click here](#).

### First Tuesday Prayer

Join us in fasting and praying on the first Tuesday of each month. Put it in your calendar now for the rest of the year!

### Prayer Requests for Prayer First

Thank you, Evelyn, for reminding evangelicals all over the world that the Bible calls us to pray! Thank you for being the conscience for prayer in the BGC.

**Note:** *As this e-mail is being sent out, Evelyn is in perhaps her final days here on earth. As Prayer First team members, we want to honor Evelyn and her prayer legacy.*

## You're Ready to Go

by Carol Madison  
Prayer First  
Director of Communications



I have had the privilege of sitting on Evelyn Christenson's United Prayer Ministry Board for the last year. I'm not sure why the Lord has had me there, other than I know I am to be present and honor Evelyn for her faithfulness. I have been blessed to sit under her teaching and be inspired by her vision. Evelyn always speaks enthusiastically of her love for the Lord and her hope for revival.

At 88 years old, Evelyn has struggled with heart failure and been on oxygen for a long time. Yet she *has never given up!* She has prayed for revival for decades, and her fervency in prayer increases every day, even as her body gives way to weakness. Evelyn always keeps her eyes fixed on Jesus, the Hope of Glory.

As a leader in the international prayer movement for decades, Evelyn has taught men and women around the world to pray. Evelyn was a member of the original BGC Prayer Commission in 1988, which later became Prayer First. Prayer for revival - and ultimately the salvation of the lost - is her heart cry.

### **There. You're Ready to Go!**

Last week I had the opportunity to say good-bye to Evelyn in a private moment. I thanked her for the honor to sit under her leadership. I was then blessed as Evelyn prayed over me in what she termed as "her dinky blessing" compared to the Lord's great blessings. When she finished praying for me, she looked at me and said, "**There. You're ready to go!**"

I take that to mean that there is more to do in the prayer movement, and Evelyn is encouraging me - and all of us - to stay faithful to the end, wherever the Lord takes us. He took Evelyn to the ends of the earth, and perhaps soon He will welcome her into glory!

**Please pray for God's comfort and blessing for Evelyn Christenson** and her family. Pray that Evelyn's legacy of prayer will carry on through the mission of Prayer First.

**The Prayer First Steering Team** is making plans for prayer opportunities at the Biennial Conference in Denver this summer, including corporate prayer times and an organized prayer walk in Denver. Please pray for the team as they plan and organize.

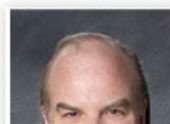
**Plans are being made for another Praying Church Conference in Bloomington, MN, October 15-16, 2010.** Featured speakers include David Bryant, Jerry Sheveland, and Bob Bakke. Please pray for the Prayer First Steering Team as they make plans for the conference.

**Pray for a National Day of Prayer and a Global Day of Prayer gathering** in your church or community. If you don't know of anything going on, perhaps God would have you lead something!

Join us in fasting and praying for a **nationwide movement of revival** in our churches and a great **evangelistic harvest** of the lost!

## Prayer First News and Events

**Praying Church Conference**  
*Christ Alone!*



Prayer First will host another Praying Church Conference in Minneapolis the weekend of **October 15-16, 2010**. David Bryant, Bob Bakke, and Jerry Sheveland will be the keynote speakers.



David Bryant

Friday will be a special day featuring a ***Christ Alone! Prayer Encounter for Pastors and Leaders***, facilitated by David Bryant. David has been a leader in the worldwide prayer movement. His current ministry is *Proclaim Hope*, which seeks to foster a nationwide Christ-awakening movement.

Other breakout leaders will include Prayer First Steering Team members Dana Olson, Carol Madison, and Dee Sheveland. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

### Prayer Opportunities at Biennial Conference

Prayer First will host a variety of prayer opportunities at the Biennial Conference in Denver at the end of June. Before the morning sessions, a time of prayer and worship will be hosted by Dana Olson and Bryan Moak, Prayer First Steering Team members.

The Steering Team will also host a "prayer walking" experience on Friday afternoon of the conference, with opportunity to "pray onsite with insight." Look for more information about how to join this prayer experience at various locations throughout Denver.

### Prayer First Steering Team

Bryan Moak, Chair  
Dana Olson  
Dee Sheveland  
Barb Erickson  
Dennis Erickson  
Tannie Eshenaur  
Carol Madison

### Donate to Prayer First

Ongoing financial support will help Prayer First and the Steering Team move forward with vision for prayer throughout Converge Worldwide. Part of your donation will provide funding for part-time staff to support the ministry.

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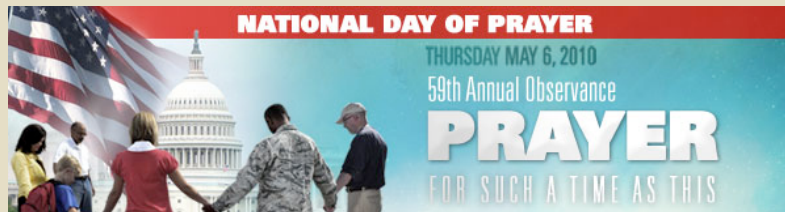
### Prayer Champions

Please help us identify the Prayer Champions and intercessors in your church. We want to encourage them, provide teaching, and share prayer resources.

Forward this e-mail to them with your personal encouragement to subscribe to this monthly newsletter.

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## Prayer Resources



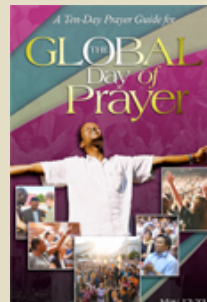
### National Day of Prayer: May 6, 2010

This is the 59th annual observance of prayer in our nation based on the theme: *For Such a Time as This*. To find an event in your area or register your NDOP observance, go to [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

### Global Day of Prayer: May 23, 2010

The Global Day of Praying is celebrating its tenth anniversary. Rising up out of South Africa, the world is now invited to pray in unity for repentance and revival around the globe. It is anticipated that all 220 nations of the earth will again participate!

For more information, go [www.gdopusa.com](http://www.gdopusa.com). You may order copies of the Ten Day prayer guide by going to [www.waymakers.org](http://www.waymakers.org).





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