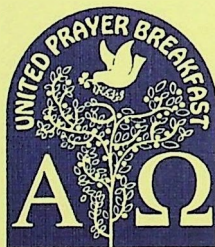


*Mary O'Rourke T.D.
&
Dr. John Alderdice*

invite you to join them

in the

*Carrickdale Hotel
Dundalk*



on Monday 14th October 1996

for the

United Prayer Breakfast

R.S.V.P.

on the enclosed form

8.30 a.m. for 9 o'clock

to finish at 11 a.m.

Vision Statement

The Vision for a Prayer Breakfast is carried from the USA National Prayer Breakfast which commenced in the Presidency of Eisenhower. It has been replicated in many lands and in various cities. The primary purpose is for prominent Christians in Public and Business life to come together in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Participants are encouraged to bear witness to Him throughout their communities and in their own spheres of work and leadership.

In an age of materialism, mounting apathy and aggressive antagonism to Christian Truth, it is vital that Christians in all walks of life, but especially in public life, bear faithful witness by word and deed to the Lord Jesus.

This is as necessary in the island of Ireland as anywhere else. We are inspired by the ministry of Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who brought the message of Christ and confronted the evils of his day as he faced leaders and people with the Gospel, we recognise that we are no longer an "island of Saints and Scholars".

Aware of this and from the experience in Washington and London, where Christians have been privileged to gather in prayer for the governments and nations of the world, the first United Prayer Breakfast was held in the city of Armagh in October '95.

This event seeks to encourage men and women to recognise their privileges and responsibilities before God. The desire is that leaders at all levels of society should be enabled by God to strengthen spiritual life and uphold moral values in the island. It is hoped that many of them will meet, in their own spheres of influence, in the same spirit of Jesus Christ, bridging political, social and economic differences.

"Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people"
Proverbs 14 v 34