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**The NYC Faith in Action for
HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition**

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Dear Faith Leader:

As part of the New York City Faith in Action for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition's "Interfaith for HIV/AIDS: A Call to Take Action in 2010," the NYC Faith in Action for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition asks that your faith institution include HIV/AIDS in your worship during the month of July.

We would also like to invite you, to the **Monday, July 12th press conference** taking place at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 11:00 am. This year Borough President, Hon. Marty Markowitz leads off the 2010 City-wide "Stepping Up In Faith For HIV and AIDS" week of events that run from Sunday, July 11 to Saturday, July 17th. All free public events can be viewed at www.nycfia.org

Below is an example of a prayer that may be shared with members of your faith.

Prayer for Unity in the Face of AIDS

We pray for the unity of all faiths, that we may find a unified and nonjudgmental way to fight this disease of HIV/AIDS.

Lead us out of passivity and old-fashioned attitudes.
Replace ignorance with education. Teach the young self-worth and strength, the strength of self-discipline. Teach the old new ways of caring and compassion.

We pray for the commitment of time and money that will provide crisis intervention, professional guidance, community seminars and outreach programs to provide alternatives to the harmful enticements of the streets.

Grant us, together, acknowledgment of what is and what is not,
as well as a vision of what can be.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this effort.

Sincerely,

The NYC Faith in Action for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition

This prayer has been modified from *We Will Break the Silence! Liturgical Resources for the Healing of AIDS*
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