WASHINGTON– On the day following their second inauguration, President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will participate in the National Prayer Service, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 22 at Washington National Cathedral.

A tradition dating back to President George Washington, the National Prayer Service will include prayers, readings, blessings and hymns delivered by religious leaders from across the country. The National Prayer Service takes place at the conclusion of Inaugural activities and will represent America's diversity of faith and belief.

"The Inaugural Prayer Service is an historic observance that Washington National Cathedral is honored to host once again for President Barack Obama," said the Very Rev. Gary Hall, dean of the Cathedral. "The Cathedral has come to be known as a spiritual home for the nation, and as part of living into that calling it is our prayer that the service will embody the hopes and vision of our nation, and that God's purpose might shine forth with new clarity in our lives."

"The beginning of President Obama's second term will be marked by the acknowledgement and celebration of the role of people of faith in American life," said Presidential Inaugural Committee spokeswoman Addie Whisenant. "President Obama's own faith has played an integral role in his life, his commitment to service and his presidency, and this important tradition will celebrate the values and diversity that make us strong."

Attendance for the National Prayer Service is by invitation only and tickets are required. The service will also be webcast live at www.nationalcathedral.org . For the latest updates on the 2013 Presidential Inauguration please visit www.2013pic.org.

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