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NBCI President, Rev. Anthony Evans, Asks Nation to Pray for Justice and Avoid Violence in Martin Case

We must also Pray for the Zimmerman Family

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans churchgoers is urging all Americans and special members of the Latino and Black communities to pray that justice will prevail in the Trayvon Martin case. The church task is to make sure that all of God’s children are respected and treated as children of God. This case has gripped the nation because we had to force the justice department and the Florida Law Enforcement Community to recognize the dignity and value of black people. We were not going to allow them to ignore the humanity of Trayvon Martin and his family.

The Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative declares “The church wants to make it very clear that we will not tolerate any violence at the end of this trial from any community – justified or not. Our purpose is to lead people to God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is not to seek revenge. This is why we urge everyone to pray for justice in this case and to pray for the soul of our nation if this young black boy is found guilty of being a young black boy in America. Our young black boy must not believe that someone (white) will kill them for being a young black boy. There cannot be any justice until you secure the peace.”

The Black Church calls for what the Prophet Amos of the 8th century sought, “***But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.***” (Amos 5:24).

We seek justice today like Amos sought justice. Even with an African American President and an African American US Attorney General of the United States, black people in American cannot be assured that they will receive justice, especially African American males. Trayvon Martin is our sons, our brother and even our father. If we fail to give him justice, then there can be no peace. Justice without peace is the absence of his humanity and all black people.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.