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Press Release

What Is Prayer? Why Do We Pray? New Book Offers Practical Answers and Compelling True Stories of Prayer's Transforming Power

Wilmette, IL, August 30, 2006: When writer Pamela Brode was a little girl, she was baffled whenever classmates asked, "Which God do you believe in? Do you believe in the Christian god, the Jewish god, or the Muslim god?" Years later, just before her new book about prayer was published, she was puzzled when a woman said to her, "The Muslims believe in Allah. Who is Allah? Do they even believe in God?" Brode politely informed her that Allah is the Arabic word for God. But the woman couldn't see her point. As Brode explains it, "she was too fixated on the name of God to recognize what was behind the name."

Understanding what *is* behind the name of God, how human beings effectively commune with the divine Creator, and what transforming results often accompany this uniquely human experience is at the very heart of Pamela Brode's *The Power of Prayer: Make A Joyful Noise* (Bahá'í Publishing, \$15, soft cover, ISBN 1-931847-10-X). Her book details the purpose, practice, and consequence of prayer in her own life—and in the lives of others who have personally witnessed its life-altering effects.

The book is a compelling collection of true stories based on interviews with people of vastly different backgrounds and from diverse religions, ethnicities and cultures. All the individuals faced challenging tests and difficulties, and through prayer experienced wondrous occurrences and changes in their lives. Their stories are inspiring, deeply moving testimonials to the remarkable influence of faith and supplication to God. Readers will appreciate the author's insightful observations shared from her perspective as a human being, wife, mother, and civil and human rights advocate who also happens to be a member of the Bahá'í Faith.

To receive a review copy of *The Power of Prayer*, or to schedule an interview or author event with Pamela Brode, please contact Tim Moore, Bahá'í Publishing sales and marketing manager, at 847-425-7964. E-mail: tmoore@usbnc.org.

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