This award-winning documentary chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. Thousands of women across a spectrum of social and religious identities came together to pray for peace and then staged a silent protest outside of the Presidential Palace. Armed only with the courage of their convictions, they demanded a resolution to the country’s civil war. Their actions were a critical element in bringing about an agreement during the stalled peace talks.

A story of sacrifice, unity and transcendence, Pray the Devil Back to Hell honors the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia. Inspiring, uplifting, and most of all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations.

Join us for an interactive discussion following the film that will tackle themes resonant in the documentary as well as across disciplines, including how social justice movements can grow under duress, the role of women in conflict and the paradigm of women as peacemakers, and what the role of development work is or should be in preventing, contending with, and recovering from conflict.

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