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THE NATION TO GOD AND EACH OTHER!

## Return to the Rule of Law: SCOTUS and the Federal Courts



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I believe our generation will see the U.S. Supreme Court and the lower federal courts return to the rule of law. The nation's highest court and law schools have destroyed the rule of law. Natural law and the written Constitution have been replaced by Social Darwinian evolutionary thought that substituted subjective personal opinions for established and immutable principles. But, this is beginning to change with judicial appointments under President Donald Trump.

The battle over the courts can be traced back to the tenure of Harvard Law School Dean Christopher Columbus Langdell (1870-1895). His worldview was rooted in Social Darwinism. This philosophy rejects God, Creation, and absolute truth. Dean Langdell replaced natural and revealed law with an evolutionary model known as the Case Law Method. This method focused on judges as the shapers rather than transmitters of law. The Case Law Method set aside the historical study of Blackstone's Commentaries used in Great Britain and the

United States. The Commentaries are filled with both natural and revealed law.

Today, we refer to this philosophical debate by such terms as "judicial activism" or "living constitution" versus "originalism" or "original intent." With the exception of a few law schools today, the predominant judicial philosophy taught to law students is the so-called "living constitution" model.

When I was in seminary, we learned the original languages of the Bible, studied history, and kept up with archaeological discoveries. The language of the text and its historical context were central to proper interpretation. But when I attended law school, I experienced the exact opposite. The original

language and historical context of the Constitution meant very little to the professors. The emphasis was not on the text, but on the opinions of judges.

When the text of the Constitution no longer means what it says, we are no longer governed by law. Glaring examples of judicial activism include abortion and same-sex marriage. The result of the horrendous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* opinion has resulted in killing more than 60 million babies.

The reason why I am optimistic about the future of the federal courts is that President Trump has nominated, and the Senate has confirmed, a record number of judges to the

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### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER March 1, 2019

On the first Friday of the month, we encourage all to fast and pray for America using the prayer focuses below.

#### LAW AND MORALITY

Both the 116th Congress and the Supreme Court face complex moral issues. Pray that the Lord quicken biblical and constitutional principles to the hearts and minds of your Senators and Representative and the Supreme Court Justices as they legislate and write court decisions. Pray for the restoration of biblical morality and law.

#### COURT RULINGS

Pray for just and fair decisions to be made in your local, state, and federal courts. Pray for rightness in legal decisions and judicial decrees. Meditate on these Scriptures and pray them for your community: Pss 45:6-7; 89:14; 145:17. Thank God for rulings that uphold religious liberty and Judeo-Christian values.

#### JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL

Pray for judges and court workers to love righteousness and for judges to seek God's justice. Pray for the Spirit of Truth to fill courtrooms across the country. Pray Jn 16:7-11. Thank God, and intercede, for all the believers who work in our judicial system at every level.

To see God's purposes for America fulfilled through sustained prayer and Spirit-led obedience

# WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO PRAY FOR OUR COURTS? COMING TO GOD AS FATHER, FRIEND, AND JUDGE



By Judy McDonough, Esq.  
IFA Communications Director

**A**bortion. Same-sex marriage. Removing faith from the public square. Take a deeper look and you will see that some of the most troubling trends in America today were popularized after Supreme Court rulings. In 1973, biblical values about sex outside of marriage were being challenged in society but were still prevalent. The Supreme Court made abortion on demand not only legal, but also a constitutional right. This ruling pushed our culture away from godly principles—not only have more than 60 million babies been killed, but also our nation has largely rejected almost all biblical sexual mores. Similarly, at a time when many states had successfully challenged gay marriage in the polls, the Supreme Court made it a constitutional right and pushed our culture away from godly principles. Now, homosexuality is widely accepted and gender confusion has been normalized. Christianity used to be a prominent part of our public life together with all faiths—now it is on the defensive after repeated and ongoing legal challenges and many Supreme Court decisions. Our courts have tremendous power, which is why this entire issue is dedicated to praying about our judicial system. ♦



By Wanda Alger  
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**I** recently sat down with Robert Henderson, pastor and life-long intercessor, to talk about petitioning the courts. When the Lord revealed an understanding of approaching God as “Father, Friend, and Judge,” Henderson began to write best-selling books and travel internationally to teach about petitioning the courts of heaven through prayer. Henderson now equips intercessors to understand

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the governmental aspect of prayer and what it means to approach God as our Judge when “presenting our cases” to Him in heaven’s courts.

Henderson noticed that the first time Jesus taught the disciples to pray, He instructed them to approach God as their Father in Luke 11:2. Henderson believes that our relationship with our heavenly Father is core and foundational to meaningful and effective prayer. Just as stated in the Lord’s Prayer, we come to our Father for our personal needs (“... give us each day our daily bread”).

Immediately following this prayer, Jesus told the parable of a friend mediating for the need of another friend. This suggests a second way to approach God in prayer—as a Friend. In this posture, we are not coming for ourselves, but for the sake of others so that their need can be met (Lk 11:5-8). Henderson believes this is the heart of intercession as we take counsel with the Lord on behalf of someone else (Jn 15:15).

In Luke 18, Jesus then tells the parable of the persistent widow coming to a judge for justice when faced with a false accusation. Henderson believes this is the third way Jesus instructed us to approach God—as Judge. Just as the widow pleaded for mercy regarding the unjust lawsuit brought against her, so we are instructed to “present our case” before the Righteous Judge when dealing with a threat or accusation leveled against us (Jb 38:3, Is 41:21).

Henderson teaches that our spiritual adversary is always seeking to build a case against us in order to disqualify our prayers and immobilize our witness (1 Pt 5:8). He suggests that unanswered prayers are often due to a legal right of the enemy to nullify our petitions. By going to the courts of heaven in faith, we can repent of any evidence that has been brought against us and ask the Judge to render a just verdict on our behalf. As a result, answers will often come swiftly (Lk 18:8).

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## COMING TO GOD AS "FATHER, FRIEND, AND JUDGE"

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This principle was put to the test in Henderson's own life when one of his sons left home, became addicted to drugs, and was close to death. None of the family's prayers were being answered. Finally, through a prophetic intercessor, the Holy Spirit showed Henderson there was an unresolved sin of addiction in his bloodline that the enemy was using to hold his son in bondage. Henderson "went to the court" and "presented his case before the Lord" by repenting of this sin, applying the finished work of the cross, and asking the Righteous Judge to nullify the death sentence over his son to render a new verdict of life.

Within one week of his prayer, Henderson's son came back home, falling into his father's arms, ready to change his life. Freedom finally came when the legal hold over his family was broken by going to God as Judge in heaven's court.

Henderson now teaches this powerful principle of prayer all over the world, believing that entire nations can be set free by practicing this powerful spiritual reality of prayer. Where repentance is the first step to freedom, then the legal hold of the enemy is nullified and broken, and the Judge can apply the finished work of the cross to render victory.

Visit [roberthenderson.org](http://roberthenderson.org) for more information. ♦

***The reality is that for  
God's justice to prevail  
in our nation we need  
a praying remnant  
presiding in the  
heavenly court above  
the Supreme Court.***

—Lou Engle



## RETURN TO THE RULE OF LAW

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bench, including two on the Supreme Court. President Trump is committed to selecting judges whose judicial philosophy is based on originalism. The lasting legacy of President Trump will be the recalibrating of the Judicial Branch to one that respects the original intent of the Constitution and laws passed by the Legislative Branch.

With the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, we now have the opportunity for the Supreme Court to overturn the abortion and same-sex marriage opinions. And, since most cases never reach the Supreme Court, the lower federal courts will play a significant role in a return to the rule of law.

As the Supreme Court begins to reconsider bad precedent, we will see the impact on important social issues, including religious liberty. This welcome shift could not come at a better time with the rising threat to religious liberty from the LGBT agenda. ♦



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## U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICES



**John G. Roberts, Jr.**  
Chief Justice

Nominated by  
George W. Bush



**Clarence Thomas**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
George H. W. Bush



**Ruth Bader Ginsburg**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
William J. Clinton



**Stephen G. Breyer**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
William J. Clinton



**Samuel A. Alito**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
George W. Bush



**Sonia Sotomayor**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
Barack H. Obama



**Elena Kagan**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
Barack H. Obama



**Neil M. Gorsuch**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
Donald J. Trump



**Brett M. Kavanaugh**  
Associate Justice

Nominated by  
Donald J. Trump

## PRAYER FOR OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM

**May judges understand and accept our Creator's laws.**

Evildoers do not understand what is right, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.

Proverbs 28:5

**May the American Judiciary consist of qualified, wise justices.**

... [S]elect out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. Let them judge the people at all times ...

Exodus 18:21-22 (NASB)

**May our courts rule with God's righteousness.**

Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, "Hear the cases between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him."

Deuteronomy 1:16 (NASB)

**May judges in our nation rule justly.**

When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

Proverbs 21:15

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**"[H]ave the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world."**  
—Justice Antonin Scalia

### What Are People Saying?

Your ministry at IFA, and your prayer teachings this fall and winter, are beyond amazing and so helpful to us all in the trenches! . . . It is a day we must walk in power on our knees beyond anything we have up until now in JESUS' anointing and authority! We win, but your teachings and information gathered for us, keeps us united and steady! THANK YOU! —Sally

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I believe that IFA and other strong prayer organizations in our country have truly spearheaded a move to pray, clearly fanning the flame of prayer! It would seem that in response to this that the local churches would now catch the vision and would also rise to the challenge of unceasing prayer for our country. —Robin

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Lord God, thank you for IFA, for all those that have been fasting. May great fruit happen here in U.S.A. because of their sacrifice before your throne. —Felicia

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Amen. I am glad to get to join in fasting and prayer on the first Friday of each month. I have been blessed by the direction given by the Lord through IFA for many years in what to fast and pray on the first Friday. To God be the glory, great things He has done. Increase our faith and fervor. Through our prayers may the U.S.A. be positioned to receive God's blessings. —Carolyn



### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL

Please plan on setting these important 30 minutes aside to join with hundreds across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens on **March 1, 2019 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. (ET)**  
Call: (712) 775-7430