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THE CONNECTER

CONNECTING HEARTS OF PRAYER FOR THE NATION TO GOD AND EACH OTHER!



he forefront of the gender identity issue is not drag queen storytime at public libraries or the adult who decides to change gender. It is gender reassignment therapies for children, some of which resemble experiments done by the Nazis. These treatments are not only for teens, but also for much younger children. And not only in California or New York, but also across America; there are 55 gender reassignment clinics in the U.S.

With few, if any, medical studies of the long-term effects, children as young as 8 are receiving puberty blockers and gender reassignment surgeries—with parents and health professionals shepherding them into the change. The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued "care guidelines" for "trans-children," lead-authored by a 25 year-old trans-identified female activist from the Human Rights Campaign who is not even a doctor.

Christian Post reporter Brandon Showalter has been covering this issue for the greater part of a year. He states in a recent article that "to date, hormone blockers such as Lupron, which is used to treat both prostate cancer patients and children with

precocious puberty, has never been through an FDA-approval process for the purpose of blocking normal puberty, and is prescribed off-label." One known consequence of Lupron is osteoporosis, with other side effects as well. Underage girls are having mastectomies and being prescribed testosterone. Boys are being prescribed puberty blockers, resulting in a stunted male organ, barely functional as an adult. The full surgery for a male to female for teenagers is too graphic and disturbing to share here.

Much of the medical community has embraced the transgender fallacy, with no real medical studies, no objective method for diagnosis, and no tolerance for those who believe otherwise. Political correctness has corrupted the practice of psychiatry and psychology for these children. Doctors and therapists who speak out about the abuse of children through gender reassignment therapies are often professionally harmed. Parents who do not go along with the whim of gender change have been reported to child protective services by teachers, counselors, pediatricians, and case workers. Christians, it is long past time to speak out and to cry out to God. •

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

June 7, 2019

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



INDIVIDUALS WITH GENDER CONFUSION

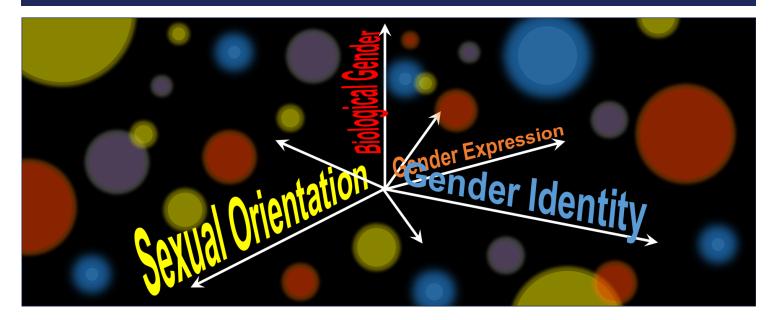
Pray that God would not let them go, but would pursue them. Pray that God, in His mercy, would open their eyes to see how great His love, how great their sin, and how great their need is for Him and His righteous ways. (Jer 31:3; Eph 2:4-5; 1 Jn 4:19)

LGBTQ MOVEMENT

Pray that there would be a sovereign move of the Spirit of God and awakening in the LGBTQ community, that suddenly their spiritual eyes would be opened. (Jn 3:3; Ps 19:8; Eph 1:18)

IDENTITY

Pray for the Body of Christ to truly understand that we are each created by God to be image-bearers of Him. Pray for a wave of the Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ revealing our true identity and for the Body to be set free from Satan's lies about identity. (Gn 1:27; Jas 4:7)



A Personal Testimony—When the LGBTQ Agenda Comes Into Your Home

This article is written by an IFA intercessor, author, pastor, and prayer ministry leader, who wishes to remain anonymous in order to protect her daughter. She will be our guest on our June First Friday Prayer Conference Call. Details on page 4.

eginning in President Obama's administration, the LGBTQ propaganda and agenda started moving fast and furiously across our nation. It took root in our schools, our government, in business, and anywhere it could force itself. The floodgates were open, and if you didn't agree, lawsuits would make you! With a well-planned and well-funded strategy, they began to turn the minds and hearts of our youth and nation, not only against God and His truth, but against their parents and families and everything they intuitively believed, loved, and held dear. Those of us who have held to biblical principles about sexuality were branded hater, bigot, and evil enemy.

This did not satisfy the powers of darkness. The next agenda item was to destroy

the identity of our youth through gender confusion and fluidity. This attack has come like a fierce storm raging across our land, leaving many confused, isolated, and wounded, with broken lives and families, all born out of Satan's lies.

WHEN THE STORM HITS YOUR HOME

Little did we know that this fierce storm was about to hit our home. As pastors and ministry leaders, we had spoken out against all these things and had been leading a prayer movement, fasting and praying for the LGBTO.

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We had also just finished writing the last chapter of our book calling America to her knees in repentance and prayer. Thus, it seemed unthinkable that God would allow such a storm, yet we know He is faithful to His Word and would not allow us to walk through such deep pain without a higher and greater purpose. God was about to show us His heart for the lost and for the LGBTQ.

The storm began when our 15-year-old daughter, with tears in her eyes, said she thought she was gay. Although surprised, I felt great compassion for her confusion. I lovingly shared God's Word with her regarding temptation, sin, and how God out of His love gives us guidelines for our protection. She heard what I said, but she seemed distant, confused, and conflicted.

WHEN THE LIES ARE EMBRACED

She entered a deeply confused and rebellious stage as she began to embrace the lies and reject all wisdom and truth. It was as though she had become another person almost overnight. She left home and we painfully watched as her life spiraled out of control. She turned against us and against God and became an atheist, even hating and mocking God and His ways. We found later she was put into an LGBTQ class at school to help her embrace her new life and she had accessed websites with strong LGBTQ propaganda that mocked the

Bible and assaulted her faith, questioned her identity and planted destructive seeds. These sites led to hard-core pornography and the occult, exposing her to all kinds of spiritual deception and darkness.

It's been like chapter 1 of Romans playing out before our eyes, as she has recently decided she wants to be a man and is now taking testosterone. We were completely shocked that a nurse practitioner at a women's clinic prescribed them to her with no mental or medical health background necessary. This is unthinkable and should be illegal.

GOD'S PLAN FOR DELIVERANCE IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

We began to realize that all of this was not just about our daughter, but about an awakening and deliverance that God wants to bring to the LGBTQ community and across America. As my heart utterly broke for my daughter, it began to break for the entire LGBTQ community. A deep cry of intercession began and continues as I cry out for awakening! I know that only God can open their eyes through the power of His Spirit. Therefore, we must pray!

Before this I didn't understand the heart of God for those bound and deceived as LGBTQ because I hated the sin too much. I never would have understood His great love and mercy until it touched me, and it was my child that needed to be set free. I also never would have understood just how deceptive and destructive the spirits are behind all of this and why we must pray that both the roots and the fruit of it in our nation be destroyed before another child or family is affected.

If not for the grace of God to carry us and His promises, this storm would have completely destroyed us and our ministry. The depths of pain and the fear that would attempt to grip our hearts, along with the lies and persecution we experienced, were at times unbearable, but God has been so very faithful to help us see the bigger picture.

GOD'S PROMISE REGARDING OUR DAUGHTER

God asked me to trust Him no matter how dark and hopeless things appeared. He has promised that He would use all of this, and our daughter would become a great instrument in His hands to bring salvation and deliverance to the LGBTQ community.

For parents or families who are dealing with some of these issues, one of the greatest things you can do is draw very close to God and get His heart on your situation. You must find that place of peace in the midst of the storm. Your child needs lots of love, prayer, and someone to really listen, and they need the truth, spoken in love.



ITS TIME FOR AN AWAKENING!

As we share in our book, we believe God wants to bring an awakening to America such as we have never seen! We believe He is about to uproot many of these things by His Spirit as the Saints of God fast and pray! •

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PRAY FOR THESE MEDICAL EXPERTS SPEAKING THE TRUTH ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY



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Dr. Paul McHugh Psychiatrist



Walt Heyer Former Transgender

Look for more information in our upcoming Special Report.



A BRIEF BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY

God made us in his image, male and female. (Gn 1:26; Mt 19:4)

Everything God made is good. (1 Tm 4:4-5)

Our hearts lead us astray. (Pr 14:12; Jer 17:9)

Without God, we will drift further and further away from Him. (Mk 7:21-23; Rom 1:21-22)

Our current culture is described in Scripture. (Eph 4:17-19)

We cannot know who we are apart from God. (Is 45:9; Rom 9:20)

We must love as commanded by Christ. (In 13:34-35)

Love cannot accept what God says is wrong. (1 Cor 13:6)

With compassion, we point others to Jesus.
(Mt 9:36; Mk 6:34)

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WHAT'S NEW?

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Lord, thank You for the 94 abortion clinic workers who saw *Unplanned* and left their jobs. Please bless these people with employment and a close relationship with You.

-Ken

Amen, Ken. What a beautiful heartfelt prayer. I couldn't think of anything

else to add.

-Anita

Connecting with others at IFApray.org

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

Prayers about LGBTQ

Father God, please help us to fight this travesty with Your love and Your truth. You created us male or female and You do not make mistakes. We do not know how to stand against this with anything but Your truth. Please open the eyes of our leaders, please move on the hearts of the officials, please let the children of our nation seek truth and reject the lies of the enemy. Please use us as Your hands, Your feet, and Your voice. Please protect us and direct us as we stand against the lies and the establishment. In the HOLY name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior we pray. AMEN! —Victoria

Have Your way, Lord, as You rescue the children of this and future generations from these lies and abuse. Have mercy on them and us all by correcting the tragedy that the enemy is trying to unfold in our world. Glorify Yourself as You rescue us. Thank You LORD. —**Kurt**

May Your TRUTH bring healing to a confused, rebellious, and vulnerable society. Lord, while we still have a biblical voice to share Your love, truth, and compassion, through much prayer, help us be obedient in doing so. Lord, I pray Gn 1:28, 2:20, 1 Tm 6:19, Eph 4:17-18, Mt 16:24, Rom 12:2 . In Jesus' name. Amen. —**Sherry**



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 June 7, 2019 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. (ET) Call: (712) 775-7430