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THE CONNECTER

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

Renewed Prayer for the Ending of Legalized Abortion



By Allan Parker,
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The United States Supreme Court will decide an abortion case from Louisiana in 2020—the first abortion case they have agreed to decide in three years, and the first abortion ruling of Justices Kavanaugh and Gorsuch. By June 30, 2020, the Supreme Court will make this decision regarding the abortion laws of the United States. We are praying that it will be the beginning of a new era.

The pro-death, pro-abortion side is seeking total victory in the Louisiana case, claiming that hospital admitting privileges requirements for abortionists are unconstitutional. They then plan to use this victory to strike down all abortion facility regulation laws in all fifty states. They have already filed lawsuits about this against five states—Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, Arizona, and Missouri.

We believe God has other plans and He is dedicated to and will accomplish the ending of the “covenant with death, the agreement with the grave” (Is 28) that is legalized abortion. The Lord is raising up an Army of Justice to pray for the end of legal abortion. Over a quarter million Americans have already signed the petition at www.themoraloutcry.com calling abortion a crime against humanity and asking the Supreme Court to reverse its abortion cases. You may still sign the petition.

From now, to the time of Oral Argument in Spring 2020, and until June 30, 2020, while the Court is in private deliberation mode and making a decision, please pray that the Court will reverse *Roe v. Wade* and other abortion cases and the Lord will bring forth Righteousness and Justice in America like a mighty champion. The “swing” justices will be thinking about and considering this case almost every day before it is released publicly. So pray often (1 Tm 2:1-8) and pray fervently (Jas 5:16).

Pray that the March for Life on January 24, 2020 will mobilize hundreds of thousands, even millions of people, to pray for the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* and total victory in the Louisiana Hospital Admitting Privileges Case. Pray for the Oral Argument (Spring 2020), that the lawyers for life will be persuasive and have anointed words of wisdom. Pray that the abortion industry will no longer be able to use “third party” standing to claim to act on behalf of women. Please pray for confusion in the enemy's camp and to bind the plans of the enemy of our souls and pray that the lies of the enemy be exposed and defeated.

Pray for repentance, revival, and transformation of the Supreme Court and for the salvation of every human soul on or working at the Supreme Court. Pray for the removal of the wicked as gently as possible in the Lord's perfect timing and mercy in order to end injustice. 

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

Jan. 3 / Feb. 7, 2020

Please join us and our special guest, Dr. James Dobson, to pray over our nation during this critical election year.

STATE OF THE NATION

Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit of God in our nation. Pray that God will use the state of the nation as an opening for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for compassion to replace anger and for reconciliation in Christ to replace animosity.

ELECTION 2020

As we begin this important national election year, pray as our Savior instructed—may the Father's kingdom come and will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Ask the Lord if there is anything He wants you to do, any way He wants you to be involved in political campaigns this year.

LIFE

Every January we focus on praying for life. Together, we ask the Lord to change the hearts and minds of Americans about abortion and the value of every human life. We pray that our nation's laws would reflect the truth that we are fearfully and wonderfully made—all of us.

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

Snowflake Adoption Celebrates the Tiniest Lives

By Cara Vest, IFA Staff



After many years of infertility, my husband and I made the hard decision to stop pursuing our dream of a biological child and change direction. We knew about traditional domestic adoption, international adoption, and donor eggs/sperm. Our ages did not match for international adoptions, so that was out. After much prayer, we both agreed that donor eggs/sperm was not consistent with our faith. So we began the long process of doing a home study to pursue traditional adoption, although I was not convinced that this was what was right for us. At this time, I listened to Christian radio during my long commute. Focus on the Family was a favorite show of mine because I love Dr. Dobson. During the time we were doing our home study, I heard a radio broadcast about the first “Snowflake” baby. It was the story of a woman who had infertility issues, used frozen embryos, became pregnant, and had a daughter using an “adopted embryo.” I could not believe what I was hearing and immediately decided to find out more. In the mail that same day, the cover story of the Focus and the Family magazine was embryo adoption, which

they called “Snowflake” adoption. After much prayer and deliberation, we knew this was the path for our family.

Our first embryo transfer resulted in a pregnancy that ended after 8 weeks. It was devastating to me—I cried every day for several months. I knew that embryo adoption was from God; I knew this was the path God wanted me to be on even if it meant no children this side of heaven. I believed I was helping precious lives have a chance and if I was only helping them get to heaven, then I determined I would be that vessel for the Lord.

After 3 months, we tried again. This time I became pregnant with twins. At 9 weeks, one twin’s heart stopped beating and again I lost a child. I was devastated, but also so thankful for the healthy baby growing inside me. This baby is my son, Jonah, a high school senior.

When Jonah was 2, we went back to the clinic to try for another child. We had adopted more remaining embryos and we were hopeful for another successful transfer. I found out that complications from the delivery of Jonah had caused scar tissue that had to be removed before an-

other pregnancy was possible. Even with the specialized surgery that was scheduled, the odds of my ever becoming pregnant again were very low. We were once again devastated but trusted God to walk us through this surgery. People all over the country were praying for me. The day of the surgery, they put me to sleep, wheeled me into the operating room, and went in to remove the scar tissue — there was none! God had healed my uterus from the scar tissue—the doctor (who was not a believer) told me it was a miracle. I was soon pregnant with my daughter Ellie, now 14.

So many different nuances happened throughout the process that kept reminding us that this was God’s thing, not ours—we were just willing vessels. Never would I have thought that infertility could be a gift, but for me it was and I am forever grateful.

Donating and adopting embryos after all these years still is widely unknown. Please pray that parents of the 1 million frozen embryos waiting at infertility clinics in the U.S. would use them to complete their families or make the selfless decision to donate them to couples who are prayerfully waiting to become parents. 🙏

Shifts in the Abortion Landscape Open Opportunities for You

By Kris Kubal, IFA Director of Strategic Resources & Engagement


Nearly a year ago, January 22, 2019, on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the New York State Senate passed legislation that greatly broadened abortion rights. This action was landmark. Why? Because of two things that shifted in the landscape of the ongoing battle of pro-life vs pro-abortion.

First, the abortion “fight” officially shifted to the states. Even though other states had proposed legislation for heartbeat laws and personhood laws, much of the pro-life activity in the states was pro-active—proposing and passing legislation that chipped away at abortion wherever it could find a legal means to protect life. Big abortion was still secure in their Roe v. Wade federal protections. When the New York State Senate passed their pro-abortion law it started a domino effect. Other states followed suit. Not secure to pin their abortion hopes onto the federal Roe v. Wade decision, Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion groups began following the playbook of the pro-lifers and pro-actively passing state legislation that would take effect if Roe v. Wade should fall. Lesson learned? The state is the new battleground for abortion legislation and they are drawing lines. States began taking sides, passing legislation declaring themselves unborn-safe or unborn-hostile.

Second, the mask was removed on the

abortion industry. The unforgettable comments of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam pulled back the curtain on what those who support abortion really think. Let me remind you of his on-air comment: “If a mother is in labor...the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that’s what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and mother....” Examples of “comfort rooms” began popping up on social media, many explaining that the comfort rooms were sometimes a nurse’s attempt to bring dignity to a process that often found delivered babies marked for “post-birth abortion” languishing unattended. We heard the truth and saw that there are no limits to the work of abortion providers in ending lives.

The abortion troops shifted their battle plan to the states, and the curtain was pulled back on the practices and mindset of the abortion industry. The battle is local, there is real hope for Roe v. Wade to be overturned, and we cannot stop praying and working to protect life.

The time to get involved in state issues is now. State and local elections are critical. It is time for us to take back our communities for our values—support pro-life candidates, seek God to ask if He is calling you to run for an office, volunteer for a campaign, organize prayer groups to support pro-life candidates—there are many ways to take action! You can find additional suggestions on how to get involved at IFApray.org—check out our Intercessory Activism resource. If we don’t engage in our states and communities—who will? 

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UPHOLDING LIFE IN PRAYER

Press into God for the restoration of pro-life values in the hearts of the people and in the laws of our nation. Pray these Scriptures reflecting God’s heart for the unborn.

Our nation needs to repent of the sin of abortion.

Ezekiel 18:30

“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways,” declares the Sovereign Lord. “Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.”

God fashions everyone with great care and intention.

Psalms 139:13-15

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

God bestows children as blessings.

Psalms 127:3

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

Tear-off Prayer Guide



UPHOLDING LIFE IN PRAYER

God calls us to act for life.

Proverbs 24:11

*Rescue those being led away to death;
hold back those staggering toward
slaughter.*

**The spirit behind
abortion is evil.**

Ephesians 6:12

*For our struggle is not against flesh and
blood, but against the rulers, against the
authorities, against the powers of this
dark world and against the spiritual
forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

**God gives us power to
bind evil.**

Matthew 18:18

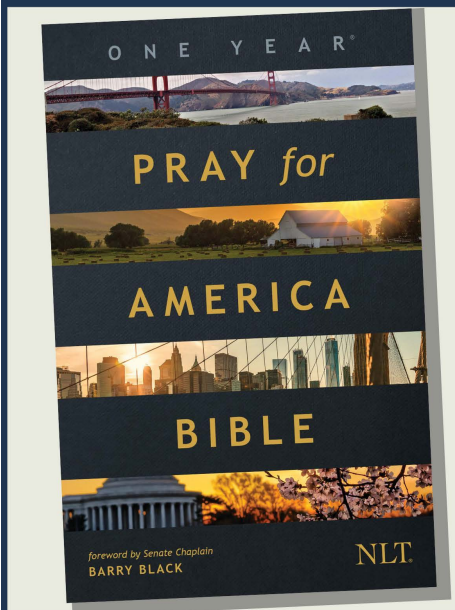
*"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on
earth will be bound in heaven, and what-
ever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven."*

Lord, in the Name of Jesus and by His blood, please forgive our nation of the terrible sin of legalized abortion. Nothing is worse than the shedding of innocent blood. It is written, "Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world," so we ask you to bind the Enemy's stronghold on our legal system. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood (those who support legal abortion), but we ask that you would make the powers behind abortion powerless. We pray the covenant with death our country has made would be broken and Roe v. Wade would be reversed. May you deliver us from this evil, in Jesus' Name.

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

I greatly appreciate the IFA ministry and specifically the "Headline Prayer" forum in which multiple perspectives are shared and prayer is invited in order to get a clearer/bigger/ broader/deeper picture of where GOD may be working in order to unify the body of Christ under the Headship of JESUS, the Anointed Son of GOD; focus prayer effort on what may be underlying and greater issues than what immediately meets the eye (or the flesh, as the case may be); bring greater and ever-expanding growth to the Kingdom of GOD, on both personal and corporate levels.—Mrs. D

Lord we are like children playing in a mine field. We need to be educated about politics to pray successfully. I continue to entreat You, Lord, to wake up the church to pray, and help us to remember the judiciary which changes everything for generations. Thank You, Lord, for giving us a President that has done this key work of his office so very well and thank You for IFA that gives me the news to pray about. Protect him Lord, and protect the godly judges. I pray this in the precious name of Jesus, Amen.—Felicia

Lord, I thank You for these people and all the other intercessors you have brought to my attention but I am asking for more intercessors, more of the body of Christ to rise up in prayer for our President and our country. More of the body of Christ to be bold for the kingdom of God. I thank God for Intercessors for America and all the other organizations praying. Raise up more warriors, Lord!—Darlene



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 **Jan. 3 / Feb. 7, 2020 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. (ET)**
Call: (712) 775-7430 Replay: (712) 775-7432 access code: 2452#



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



2020: VOTING YOUR VALUES

By David Kubal

In October, IFA gathered a group of about 50 intercessors and Board members.

Our goal was to seek the Lord to inquire how we might have an impact in the 2020 elections. One of the presenters was Dr. Daron Shaw, who is a professor of Political Science at the University of Texas Austin. He described the extensive research he has conducted to determine how various political activities like direct mail, emails, and canvassing will influence voter turnout. He explained the science of predicting voter turnout based on these activities. I asked him if anyone has ever attempted to measure the effect of prayer on voter turnout, to which he replied, "No."

This revolutionary idea is the foundation for VotingYourValues2020.com, an initiative to mobilize God's intercessors to pray for His body to vote kingdom values. Our plan is to enlist over a million intercessors in 2020 to pray specifically for socially conservative churchgoers who are not likely to vote. We have targeted 13 states where approximately 8 million individuals fit this description. We will be partnering with many organizations to accomplish this, as it is a project for the Body of Christ.

In the weeks ahead you will be learning more about VotingYourValues2020.com and how you can be involved. It will be simple and specific. This strategic

prayer campaign is essential "intercessory activism" for 2020.

In addition to mobilizing for intercessory activism, we will continue to inform intercessors across the nation how you can be praying for specific governmental prayer needs through HeadlinePrayer.org. This part of our website continues to grow, serving more and more intercessors by providing you with investigative intercessory intelligence.

Our goal was to average 1 million page views each month during 2020 and we already began to meet that goal last year. We are thrilled with God's favor and blessing on this alternative to mainstream news. This new source of prayer needs is available 24/7, so please bookmark it on your computer or add it to the home screen of your phone.

IFA continues to grow financially as we have witnessed a record number of new donors making contributions to the ministry. As our ministry grows, our staff grows to meet the needs, and our budget must grow also. I am pleased to announce to you that the Lord has been gracious to us and allowed us to keep these three aspects of the ministry balanced, even as we have grown beyond what we imagined. Please consider how the Lord might have you be more involved in IFA during 2020.

2020 Strategic Initiatives

As we hear from God on how He wants to use the ministry of IFA in 2020, we also give great thanks for all intercessors who pray, participate, give, take action, and embrace the mission of IFA as their own. We invite you to pray through these strategic goals for 2020, birthed in prayer and planning by our Board of Directors and IFA Leadership.

Grow an Engaged Network of Intercessors

We will build the engagement of intercessors, emphasizing praying for America's leaders and connecting intercessors with elected officials. We hope to grow across all avenues of connection with intercessors, including the First Friday Conference Call, website and emails, Facebook, and YouTube.

Create Opportunities for Intercessors to Pray "On-site with Insight"

Our D.C. prayer tours are always highlights of our year. In 2020, it will be even more critical to pray in our Nation's Capital. Watch for opportunities to join us in strategic intercession on one of these tours.

Voting Your Values 2020

IFA will be working to mobilize intercessors in intercessory activism, targeted at praying for social conservatives with a low propensity for voting. It is our hope that prayer will impact the national election.

VOTE ★ YOUR ★ VALUES

COMING 2020

The purpose of **Voting Your Values** is to mobilize the low propensity, socially conservative churchgoers to vote, while demonstrating the strategic nature of pinpoint intercession in order to cause candidates to engage the Church in campaigns for decades to come.

ENGAGEMENT

Mobilize intercessors to pray for the audience by name through an online application.

Encourage intercessors to place door hangers on these doors—these will be printed in English and Spanish.

Send a person a text after an intercessor has prayed for them with the message: We are praying you vote your values.

Go to VotingYourValues2020.com for more information.

TESTING

Upon completion of the election cycle, we will be conducting a **study** in order to determine the probable **increase** of voters voting who were exposed to our activities.

BUDGET

Data for 13 states @ \$6,000 a state totaling	\$78,000
Web Development	\$20,000
Printing 1 million door hangers (750,000 English / 250,000 Spanish)	\$40,000
Texting Program	\$25,000
Study design and execution	\$15,000
Total:	\$178,000

INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA 2019 Review (through November)



40,000,000 impressions
across all platforms



70,000 prayer notices
sent to officials



14,000,000 forms of
engagement



70,000 Facebook fans



7,500,000 page views
of website



110,000 posted
prayers



1,400,000 emails sent
monthly



10,000 receiving
The Connector



110,000 resources
downloaded



5,500 people praying on
24/7 Prayer Wall



32,000 devotional
subscriptions



2,200 participants monthly on
First Friday Prayer Call