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Vote Your Values: An Invitation to Make History

By David Kubal, IFA President/CEO

Through divine wisdom, the ancient Hebrews were the first to create a representative republic based upon law. *And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. Moreover, you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.* (Ex 18:20-21)

This was the blueprint for the republic we now enjoy in the United States. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights serve as the foundation of law for our nation. Our representatives in Congress pass laws based on this foundation. The President executes the laws. The Supreme Court, confirmed by the Senate, guards and protects the foundation.

This element of the divine blueprint, “*Moreover you shall select from all the people,*” is the most important because those who are selected have the opportunity to affect everything.

Scripture is clear that those to be selected are to be able, God-fearing, truthful, and content. These are the values we are to look for in candidates. Those of us with biblical worldviews must go beyond the rhetoric and discern candidates’ hearts and values.

This is what it means when we say we are praying that Christians “vote their values.” There is much prayer for candidates, the process, and for issues, but who is praying the Church would vote and vote biblical values? The Church could be the largest voting bloc if we all get out and vote.

We are mobilizing the IFA army of intercessors to pray strategically for the Body of Christ to be salt and light in the civil arena. This is not a vague, general call to prayer. We have identified, through the wonders of technology, those who hold conservative values, are potentially fellow believers, and are not likely to vote. This silent majority, representing as many as 75% of the Church, could sway any election and every issue, if we are unified and active politically.

VoteYourValues2020.com focuses on believers to pray for and the specific states we should be praying about. We don’t need to be praying for all 50 states, just the 12 key battleground states.

Please consider taking time today to go to VoteYourValues2020.com to sign in and start making history through prayer. We will be asking the IFA network

to pray by name for 3.2 million voters! We have statistically tested this strategy in the 2018 midterm elections and can confidently say that *your prayers* will move enough hearts to sway critical elections.

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You've Been Chosen

Catherine Engelbrecht, Founder, True the Vote

Congratulations, you've been chosen. Freedom is under siege, our future is uncertain. And of all people who have ever inhabited the earth, God chose you to be here, right now, because you are divinely made and uniquely called to stand up for America. And stand up we must.

Using the fog of COVID-19, a radicalized element of our government is actively dismantling liberty by intentionally stoking fear. If you had any doubt about their motives, look at the frenzied scramble to change our country's election processes. These are not temporary fixes to get us safely through the primaries. This is about the November general election.

In March and April, more than 25 lawsuits and bureaucratic fiats were filed from coast to coast, mandating universal mail-in ballots, legalizing vote harvesting, removing security provisions, and more. Ostensibly, this makes it easier to vote during the health crisis, say the politicians and power brokers, knowing there is no practical or secure way to administer such sweeping changes with just a few months' notice.

What is the true agenda? The groups pushing these efforts are the same groups that sue states to stop Voter ID and to prevent maintenance of voter rolls. These latest efforts are meant to further, maybe even to complete, their longstanding plan—intentionally subvert the electoral system until Americans feel so hopeless that they stop objecting to government control.

Elections depend on citizen engagement. Election Day was meant to be a momentous occasion when we work alongside one another to help cast our votes, have our voices heard, and together determine the future direction of our government. And so it was for many years.

Then we became complacent and willing to exchange integrity for convenience. For over a decade, the United States has had among the lowest voter turnout of any country in the industrialized world. Track the decline of voter turnout with the increase of government control and you will see an eerie alignment.

November's election will be the most important of our lifetime. **This year, just voting will not be enough.** Everyone who can volunteer time to work in local elections should make plans now to serve in the fall. Our country needs millions, literally millions, more election workers. Whether you are working in the polls or reviewing signatures on ballots that have been mailed in, you are engaging in one of the most meaningful acts of service to our country. You are upholding a sacred right our forefathers fought and died to give us. The Constitution established the vote to protect the Republic, especially when in crisis.

Getting involved is easy. Contact any party or candidate and ask how you can be a part of the election process, search online to find a local election integrity organization, or connect online with [TruethetheVote.org](https://www.TrueTheVote.org).

We stand at a precipice. Participate in returning our country to its roots of liberty or stand silently and watch as tyranny takes hold. Those are the only two choices we have. But, we have the choice! So today, choose to stand in defense of a free and fair election. The time is now. Your country needs you.

So, congratulations, you've been chosen. Embrace these extraordinary times, stand up, speak out, and help preserve liberty for future generations. You can do this. We can do this. We were born for such a time. ★ IFA

FIRST FRIDAY *prayer*

JUNE 5, 2020

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

POST-PANDEMIC ELECTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has already impacted elections across the country as social distancing requirements challenged voting procedures. Suggestions for the upcoming election include skipping conventions and at-home voting. Pray for God to secure and protect the constitutional electoral process and the integrity of the vote. (Prv 10:9)

VOTE YOUR VALUES

IFA launched a new program to encourage Christians with biblical values to vote. Pray for intercessors to use this tool to pray for believers in key states to align their politics with God's Word. Pray also for those believers to align their voting with the party platforms that most closely match God's Word. (Ps 119:105)

POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH

Pray that the body of Christ would not be hindered or fearful in meeting together as God intends, especially of the threat of legal action. May the Holy Spirit empower us to spur one another on in love, good deeds, and meeting together, as well as encouraging one another. (Heb 10:24-25)



A New Threat to Churches

Michael Berry, General Counsel, First Liberty Institute

There is a new threat to our nation's faith communities: a swarm of lawsuits blaming houses of worship and religious ministries for any person who attended a religious gathering or received food or shelter from a charity or ministry and subsequently contracted COVID-19.

Although these lawsuits should eventually prove meritless, the cost of defending against them would have devastating consequences. Many of the same religious organizations who rushed to provide aid and comfort to those affected by COVID-19 now find themselves struggling financially. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a proliferation of complex and often contradictory orders and guidelines at the state, county, and local levels, each purporting to govern when and how to reopen. Unfortunately, no religious organization—or any organization—can follow every guideline or order that has been issued around the country.

We are concerned that some people—and their lawyers—will cherry pick certain guidelines from around the nation in order to assign liability to religious organizations.

This novel problem arises from the speed with which every state and local government in America developed their own independent orders and guidelines. The problem will become more acute as state and local governments across the nation are reopening,

but each in a slightly different manner and at a different speed.

We support legislation providing immunity for religious organizations from negligence suits resulting from their serving the public or reopening in accordance with local orders. Such protection could be modeled generally after the COVID-19 laws and orders that limit liability for medical professionals and others by establishing a gross negligence or willful misconduct standard. This simple, common sense solution will provide religious organizations desperately needed protection from simple negligence lawsuits.

It is essential to ensure that churches and faith-based organizations are able to perform their vital functions of serving Americans and ministering to all of our spiritual and physical needs. Without legal protection, many ministries may feel that they cannot reopen because a potential claim that they are negligent in not following the standards of another industry or even another state. And some of those who do open may find themselves facing the very lawsuits we are hoping to avoid.

America's faith communities and places of worship have always been at the forefront of ensuring that the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, and the homeless are sheltered. They deserve the assurance that they can continue to be good Samaritans to the oppressed and the downtrodden as our nation begins its slow rebuilding. ★ IFA

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Prayer Guide for ELECTIONS

DOES GOD CARE ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT?

God established government and delegates this authority to mankind to accomplish His will on earth.
(ROM 13:1)

He holds nations accountable for their collective actions. (2 CHR 20:6)

Godly government should reflect Kingdom values. (MT 6:10)

Civil government is called to protect law-abiding citizens and punish lawbreakers. (ROM 13:3)

WHY SHOULD BELIEVERS PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENTAL ELECTIONS?

We influence government officials through our involvement, witness, and prayer. (1 TM 2:1-2)

We pray for God-fearing leaders to promote peace and order in society.
(EX 18:21)

We can affect the nation through our involvement in voting—reflecting biblical values in legislation and leadership. (MT 5:13)



Find out more about praying for the elections and the nation at

VOTEYOURVALUES2020.ORG
or **IFAPRAY.ORG.**



Key Points of Prayer for our ELECTIONS

- ★ 1. Pray for God's purposes to be fulfilled in our nation. (PRV 29:2, 2 TM 1:9, PS 99:1-9)
- ★ 2. Pray that the schemes of the enemy would be exposed, dismantled, and destroyed. (1 PT 5:8)
- ★ 3. Pray for the election process to be fair, honest, and free of corruption and manipulation. (2 COR 8:21)
- ★ 4. Pray that believers conduct due diligence on candidates and their positions, and that they would weigh those positions with the Word of God. (HEB 5:14, HOS 14:9)
- ★ 5. Pray that believers would take their responsibility to vote seriously, and would cast their votes in much greater numbers. (PRV 29:2)
- ★ 6. Pray that discourse would be civil and respectful during this time of polarizing views. (EPH 4:32)
- ★ 7. Pray that the election outcome would result in our nation being poised for greater spiritual growth and revival. (PS 85:6, 2 CHR 7:14, PS 22:27)

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COVID-19 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

President Trump declared Sunday, March 22 a National Day of Prayer for all Americans affected by the coronavirus pandemic and for our national response efforts. IFA published his proclamation as a prayer guide, adding strategic, scriptural prayer points. Every prayer was answered! This crisis is not over, and neither are our prayers, yet we pause to declare the glory, majesty, dominion, and authority of God over our nation! (Jude 1:25)

PANDEMIC REVIVAL

Churches across the country have reached greater numbers of people online. In one small community, an online prayer service had more than 800 views, when typically only 40 people attend in person; more than 1,200 watched the livestream Sunday service that 300 people usually attend in person. PULSE evangelistic ministry reported more than 100 million views of their Good Friday service, with 132,000 salvation responses by phone, text, or email.

FIRST FRIDAY prayer

CONFERENCE CALL

JUNE 5, 2020
12:15 PM ET

Join with thousands across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens.

Call: (712) 775-7430
Webcast: IFApray.org/live

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

At the beginning of each year, I ask the Lord what He wants to tell me for the new year. At the beginning of 2020, the Lord gave me three words: repentance, purify, and hope. I knew then that I needed to repent of my own sins and God would purify me. Now I understand that those words are also for the entire body of Christ. He is asking us to repent of all sin so He can purify the body of Christ and make us into the spotless bride that we need to be! He is the hope, our only hope, and our eternal hope. He will bring us through this time of testing, training, and purification. Amen!!!

— Rebecca

I thank all my brothers and sisters at IFA for providing timely, daily prayer focus items. This helps me to “agree” (symphonize) in prayer with many others. There are times I don’t know how to pray and have to trust the Spirit of God to groan and pray for me as I pray in the Spirit. I feel you are in a sense the conductor for us who are the praying instruments.

— William

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