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## The Importance of Values

By David Kubal, IFA President/CEO

For 47 years, Intercessors for America has been praying for godly government. This is the core of what we do. We pray our leaders would legislate, implement, and then protect the values that are closest to God's heart.

As we are in an election season, what are those biblical values that are closest to God's heart? One could go into great depth to answer this question from a national governmental point of view. However, I offer three main biblical values we need to pray would be implemented through the leaders that will be elected this fall.

**Protection of Life.** *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.* (Ps 139:13) Nothing is more precious to God than life. From conception to natural death, God desires life to be protected. We must pray for this value to be embraced by candidates and in their platforms.

**Protection of the Family.** *So God created mankind in his own image. . . . male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying:*

*"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."* (Gen 1:27, 28) Our society and our Supreme Court have

embraced tragic views that grieve the heart of God and allow a diversity of what a legal family looks like based upon individual, personal beliefs about gender, attraction, and more. No belief or court opinion will ever have the power to redefine that which God has defined. Efforts to change what family is have nevertheless wreaked havoc on our lives.

**Protection of Religious Freedoms.** *The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.* (Ps 19:7) Attack on religious freedoms is the reason many of the early immigrants to our nation came here. They sought the freedom to be able to worship their God! We need legislators and elected officials who have a heart to protect all faiths. This protection would in turn allow the Church to be the Church and give us the opportunity to be salt and light in our nation.

In addition to needing candidates who have the heart of God and value what is important to Him, we need His people to vote biblical values. For too long, Christians have sat on the sidelines of elections and allowed unregenerate hearts to vote in candidates who do not embrace the values of God. This lack of action has happened long enough that we now see the fruit—the Progressive agenda that constantly seeks to move our country toward more reliance upon government.

I urge you this election season to pray for your fellow believers to vote biblical values. Our initiative, [VoteYourValues2020.com](http://VoteYourValues2020.com), is an effective tool for you to do this. Check it out today. ★ IFA





## Coming Back to the Unchanging God

Nick Hall, Pulse Founder

So much in our world has changed, but the most important things have stayed the same. Going into 2020, it seemed like every church and ministry had their own “2020 vision.”



Then COVID-19 happened, and all of our plans were put through a paper shredder and thrown to the wind. And while I mourn for what could have been, I believe God has something far greater in mind for me, for you, and for the church.

Crisis has a way of clarifying our vision. It strips away the peripheral and gives us a laser focus on what’s most important. The idols of health, wealth, and security have been exposed, but our need for Jesus, His Word, and His people remains the same.

Think about this moment before us. COVID-19 could become the single most faith-defining moment in the globe this century. Many will turn away from God because of this crisis—but we pray that many more will come back to Him like never before.

On September 5th, we are calling the world to come back to the God who doesn’t change. Together 2020 will be a global simulcast event from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Our world is hurting, and we need to be reminded where to turn for healing and restoration: Jesus. Together 2020 will be a day for healing, celebration, and recommitment.

Would you join me in praying for this gathering? Join me in praying that this day would be a day when many who have wandered or turned their backs on God during this pandemic would come back to the Father.

Pray that many who have experienced loss of jobs or loved ones would find comfort in the presence of God and other believers lifting up Jesus together.

Pray that churches and ministries who have struggled through this season would find fresh encouragement and hope to continue serving faithfully in the challenging days ahead.

Pray for the global reach, that this broadcast would reach far into countries around the world where the Gospel is not heard, that many would find hope in Jesus.

Pray that Together 2020 would empower and release a generation that has been forever changed to love God and neighbor.

What will the history books say when they look back on the role of the Church in 2020? Will they talk of pastors and leaders who dragged their feet because they didn’t see their vision come to fruition? Or will they see a Church that rose up with greater purity, strength, and love than ever before? God has humbled us, but we pray the nation would turn once again to the saving power of Jesus.

*Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. (Hos 6:1). ★ IFA*

## FIRST FRIDAY *prayer*

JULY 3, 2020  
AUGUST 7, 2020

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

### RENEWAL IN THE CHURCH

Pray that the Church would be renewed in devotion to Christ by turning to Him in the ongoing strain of the pandemic and the pandemic response. Pray for unity in Christ. Ask God for the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to inspire evangelism and discipleship like never before. Pray for God’s kingdom to come. (Lk 11:2-4)

### ELECTION 2020

Virtual conventions. Mail-in ballots. Inaccurate voter rolls. Voter turnout. Political rhetoric. The issues to cover in prayer for this election season are many and are important. Pray that God would give you an individual election prayer battle plan and the discipline to stick with it through November. Thank God that He rules the nations and His sovereignty is above all powers. (Is 9:6-7)

### GODLY CANDIDATES

Pray for all the candidates across the country who know and fear God. Pray that God’s will would be done in their campaigning and in the election results. Pray that they would have the resources they need. Ask God to protect them from temptation to be unethical or un-Christlike, and for protection from harm and evil. (Mt 6:9-13)





## Conventions During a Nation in Crisis

Judy McDonough, IFA Communications Director

The pandemic has changed how we do almost everything. In this critical election year, the national conventions were already in need of prayer. Now, however, it is even truer.

The Democratic Convention is scheduled for August 17-20, 2020 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Republican Convention is scheduled to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 24-27, 2020. During the week prior, important committee work and platform decisions will be made.

As of this writing, it is still uncertain whether the conventions will be virtual or in-person due to the coronavirus. If either party holds an in person gathering, pray for the health and welfare of each participant, in terms of protection from an outbreak of COVID-19, as well as from harm or violence. Pray that the procedures necessary to retain our constitutionally-established election processes will be preserved and upheld.

IFA asked Tamara Scott, the Chair of the Republican National

Committee Faith Advisory Board, how intercessors can effectively pray for the conventions. She explained the importance of seeking God about this: "While the conventions may be partisan events, seeking God's direction and blessing is not. Our founders often sought the providence of God in their political work and we were blessed as a nation because of it."

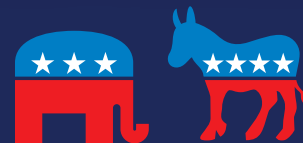
She suggested we pray "that the platform, delegates, and speakers be God-honoring; that anyone who might plan to be a problem will quickly be exposed and their plans foiled; and that the conventions be peaceable, productive, and pleasant for all." Her closing thoughts about praying for the conventions and elections are inspiring: "Pray this election serves as a catalyst to something much larger for God's glory, releasing a spirit of revival, reconciliation, and restoration in our families, churches, communities, and the halls of government. For when we honor God in America, we'll truly make American great again." ★IFA



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## Pray for God's VALUES to be Reflected in the PARTY PLATFORMS



As the two main parties are in committee creating their 2020 party platforms, pray that both parties would align themselves with God's values. Here are some key issues for prayer:

### LIFE:

*Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*  
(Ps 139:16)

### BIBLICAL FAMILY VALUES:

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*  
(Ps 19:7)

*"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh...'"*  
(Mt 19:4-5)

### FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND SPEECH:

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*  
(Gal 5:1)

**WELFARE REFORM:**

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*  
(Prv 31:8-9)

*Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*  
(Eph 4:28)

**IMMIGRATION:**

*From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.*  
(Acts 17: 26-27)

**CONSTITUTION-HONORING COURTS:**

*Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.*  
(Lev 19:15)

**SUPPORT OF ISRAEL:**

*I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*  
(Gen 12:3)

**EDUCATION:**

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*  
(Prv 22:6)



The platforms will be unveiled at each party's convention. Watch for more information about the final platforms at [HEADLINEPRAYER.ORG](http://HEADLINEPRAYER.ORG).

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# answered PRAYER

**MAJOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RULES TAKE EFFECT**

The Labor Department has spent three years developing guidance to protect religious liberty, following the Executive Order of President Trump on the National Day of Prayer in 2017. "The directive and guidance issued acknowledge the central role that religion and religious freedom play in civil society," said Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, and "send a clear message that the Department of Labor will continue to uphold religious liberty for America's workforce, employees of the Department, and religious organizations." Other agencies are also formalizing similar religious freedom guidance.

**IFA INTERCESSORS SEND OVER 100,000 MESSAGES TO U.S. OFFICIALS**

You are adding action to your prayers! Thank you to the thousands of intercessors who communicate with elected officials on a variety of topics. From praying for our leaders, to encouraging them to align their votes with godly values, IFA intercessors have become **ACTIVATED!** Praise God for each of you who have joined us. Haven't sent a message yet? Look for IFA Action emails every Wednesday where Dave Kubal shares specific ways you can pray about and speak into our government.

**DEEP STATE DOCUMENTS REVEALED**

For years, many intercessors have been praying for deep state activities to be brought to light. Bits and pieces of information would be made known, but not enough to take action for justice. When then-acting Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell released a trove of documents that unveiled a web of subversive activity in the Obama administration, it was an answer to years of prayer. Grenell even carried a satchel of the most sensitive intel to the Department of Justice. Thank God for these things being brought to light!

## FIRST FRIDAY prayer CONFERENCE CALL

**JULY 3, 2020  
AUGUST 7, 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](http://IFApray.org/live)**

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