



INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA

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Restoration, Not Reformation

By David Kubal, IFA President/CEO

Recently we marked the 400th anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact. It largely went unnoticed because of the election. However, it is even more important in light of the election. As we commemorate the Mayflower Compact, and reflect on the motivations of the Pilgrims, we are reminded of our true calling as intercessors.

The Pilgrims were initially connected to the Puritans, yet over time a VERY clear distinction rose to the surface. The Puritans believed in a reformed Church of England that would be the solidifying force behind the English government and leadership. Most considered Puritans to be nationalists, mixing religion and government.

The Puritan's view ended up being in SHARP contrast to the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims simply wanted liberty—liberty for themselves and for their families to worship the way they wanted. William Bradford, one of the early leaders of the Pilgrims who helped author the Mayflower Compact, regularly compared their journey to that of the Israelites in the wilderness. The Pilgrims considered their journey to freedom an exile.

The Puritans focused on reformation of government in the Church and State; a government that compelled others to believe the way they did.

The Pilgrims, however, sought the liberty to allow the Church to be restored to the New Testament expression.

At the 350th anniversary of the signing of the Pilgrim's Mayflower Compact in Plymouth, Massachusetts, Derek Prince delivered a series of teachings on the topic of liberty. As he studied the Pilgrim's teaching, he realized how strongly his heart resonated with them. Derek's investigations during this time resulted in his book *Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting*. Upon the release of the book, Derek's schedule brought him to a group in Miami, Florida in November of 1973. There

he challenged them to form a ministry praying for the nation, and Intercessors for America (IFA) was born.

I believe the mindset of the Pilgrims is as important today as it was when they embarked upon their exile to liberty. Our desire, and intercession, should not be focused on a reformation of a government that forces our beliefs on anyone. Rather our desire should be a government that protects our liberties to allow for the restoration of worship as we desire.

William Bradford wrote, "[They labored] to have the right worship of God and discipline of Christ established in the church, according to the simplicity of the gospel, without the mixture of men's inventions . . ." (*Of Plymouth Plantation*, 6)

Derek Prince's ministry and teaching concerning the need for New Testament restoration was part of the launch of the modern prayer movement during the early 1970's. This modern movement included many prayer ministries in addition to IFA. As we celebrate the 400th anniversary, what is next?

In 2020, we experienced a tremendous surge in passionate intercession for this nation, and of Christians called to national intercession. I believe the future of the prayer movement will include increased numbers of intercessors and, more importantly, a growing legitimacy of the calling to intercession. As I travel the nation, I see such relief in people's eyes when I describe the move of God in calling more people to intercession and in using this calling and role in the kingdom to shape history.

So, dear intercessor, let us pray together for the restoration of liberty as we watch what God is going to do next in America's prayer movement. (Call IFA, 1-800-USA-PRAY, for a free copy of *Shaping History through Prayer and Fasting* by Derek Prince.)

Your Stories of God's Faithfulness in 2020

We asked intercessors to share stories of how God has been faithful in 2020. Here are a few of the many testimonies.

We had an unusual and difficult thing happen to our son in 2019, but the Lord rescued him and is restoring him. He did not lose his job but is thriving in his job this year. No one in my family has lost their jobs. No one in my family has contracted COVID-19. My church has been open since Mother's Day. Our pastor chose not to cave to fear. God has been so good to us. —*Debra*

God has been faithful in His caring for my husband who had a stroke over a year ago. God is still restoring him. Praise God! —*Sylvia*

Praising God this year as I celebrate 15 years cancer-free, the birth of my first grandchild, and my son's wedding. Praising God also for His provision, as my husband and I experienced only brief furloughs from work due to COVID. This year I also learned to treasure my church family more than ever . . . —*Teresa*

My testimony is that my God is faithful. He moved me from Canada to this nation to pray for the Jewish people here to make Aliyah and for revival to be birthed out of Pennsylvania, the nation's womb. He has connected me to passionate intercessors, prophets, and Jesus followers here. 2020 is no exception. He told me last August to become a citizen, so I applied and got in as one of the last cohorts before COVID-19 shut down the process. He continues to allow me to be in the midst of His plans and purposes. My family has thrived financially in this season, allowing us to sow into His kingdom and give to those suffering. I am humbled by His kindness. —*Lori*

My husband was planning on retiring May 2020, but he felt an urgency to do so in January. On 1/31/20, he retired. On 3/3/2020, I was diagnosed with Stage 3 Metastatic Infiltrating Ductal Carcinoma and COVID-19 hit. God knew I would be going through this and He allowed my husband to be there for me. I am now cancer free! Praise The LORD!!! God did that for me!!! —*Samantha*

On two consecutive weeks, I found a cardigan sweater with a hole in the center of my back. God brought it to mind as I arrived at an early morning prayer meeting on the 2nd of January this year. One of the intercessors began to pray for protection for "the target on my back and those I love." The others joined and I felt blessed. Five days later, my husband made a left turn onto a major highway after dark, in a snow squall. He was hit by a pickup truck without headlights on. The impact was enough to total both vehicles and leave the truck's engine on the roadway. My husband said, "I felt God wrap his arms around me." He walked away without a scratch! —*Sue*

God has been so faithful! At the end of 2019, I was fired from a very good paying job because I didn't get a flu shot. I was having difficulty for months accessing savings and such, but was successful in early March!

Despite what has been going on, I feel like I am living out Psalm 91.

The Lord has blessed my gardens with abundant growth – no damaging insects, no diseases, able to can and freeze and share with neighbors and family. My fields have had incredible grass to feed my animals with very little

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FIRST FRIDAY prayer

DECEMBER 4, 2020

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

RACIAL RECONCILIATION

He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth. (Acts 17:26 NKJV) Offer thanksgiving for the wondrous God-created diversity in the human family. Pray that the Body of Christ will take a lead in demonstrating racial equality and reconciliation to the world. Ask God to restore what is broken, heal what is hurt, and unify brothers and sisters in Christ.

PEOPLE IN NEED

For I was hungry . . . , I was thirsty . . . , I was a stranger . . . , I was naked . . . , I was sick . . . , I was in prison . . . (Mt 25:35-36) Pray that the Lord will comfort, provide for, and reveal Himself to families suffering during the 2020 holiday season. Ask the Lord to use You to be His hands and feet to those in need.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Pray for all elected and appointed officials, their advisors, staff, and associates (Ps 1). Intercede for the hiring and placement of godly, moral, and wise men and women into all staff and advisory positions. Pray that all newly elected officials will be upright, full of integrity, and shielded from harm. Intercede for current and newly elected officials, whether or not you voted for them. Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom and guide them as they serve.



expense for hay as has been in the past.

A friendship with a neighbor was repaired! Some chronic injuries that I have been living with for years are almost resolved. He even blessed me with the joy of seeing different wildlife babies grow up this summer on our land and come out during the day to eat and play ...and I can go on.

Most importantly, my relationship with Jesus has grown so much deeper. There is no end to His love and mercy!

I am thankful to have joined up with various prayer groups this year.

I have grown spiritually by asking for forgiveness and really trusting in the Lord and His Word!

It has been an encouraging year by witnessing firsthand God's provision, protection, correction, and direction.

In January, I wrote down that 2020 would be a year of changes, challenges, and victories. Praise the Lord! This year has convinced me that God's people don't have to fear anything or anyone but Him. He is Faithful and True, makes a way when there is no way. Great is His love and mercy. Thank you, thank you, Lord! (Ex 14:14) —*M*

The Lord has been so faithful to me and my family. I can't praise Him enough. I am a caregiver for an elderly lady and have been able to continue meeting

her needs as we both have been well. My children and grandchildren have jobs in convenience stores. They have had to work many hours during the pandemic because of others not wanting to work and God has been so gracious in keeping them well. —*Beverly*

GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS!

This year HE has blessed me (us) with health and bounty. At age 81, I am now a 23-year survivor of stage 4 cancer. While the investment market took a dive, my assets increased in value. ALL I have needed HE has provided, and I thank and praise Him, for HE is good and in control of all things. —*David*

In January, I worshiped in song and prayer to bring in the new year. I prayed Psalm 100—"enter into His courts with praise." . . . [T]he Lord . . . said that this was going to be the best year that I ever had yet. Then, two months later, the virus was everywhere. The Lord opened up opportunities for me to reach out to people that I never would have reached out to—most of them I didn't even know, yet they were in need and many were confused and hurting. I have continued to do this in many different ways. Doing so has been one blessing on top of another for me. Thank You, Jesus. —*Mary* ★ IFA

TEAR-OFF

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COME to the TABLE

Here are some ideas for sharing together what God has done in and through your lives in this past year. As you speak the Word of God aloud, and share your testimony of what He has done, you are inviting and igniting His presence in your holiday gatherings.

In a group, you can share together; but even if you are alone, you can record your thoughts in your prayer journal for encouragement later.

We give thanks to You, Lord, with all our hearts. We commit ourselves to telling others of all Your wonderful deeds (Ps. 9:1).

SHARE ONE THING GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU THIS PAST YEAR.

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We thank You, Lord, for Your goodness and Your love that never fails (Ps. 106:1).

SHARE ONE WAY YOU EXPERIENCED GOD'S LOVE THIS PAST YEAR.

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We give thanks to You, Lord, for Your unending love and how You have

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cared for us. You have satisfied our thirst and filled us with good things (Ps. 107:8).

SHARE A NEED THAT WAS MET OR A BLESSING THAT CAME.

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Even in the difficult times we praise You, O God, for You make all things work together for our good as we trust in You (Rom. 8:28).

SHARE HOW SOMETHING GOOD CAME OUT OF A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

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THINK OF OTHERS WHO NEED THE TOUCH OF GOD IN THEIR LIVES AND PRAY THIS PRAYER:

Lord, we lift up our loved ones before You and ask that You, Father, may grant them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they may know You better. We pray that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which You have called them, the riches of Your glorious inheritance in Your holy people, and Your incomparably great power for us who believe (Eph. 1:17-19).

Thank you, Lord, for the many blessings You bestow on every one of us. We honor You and acknowledge all that You have done. May we be vessels of Your love, witnesses to Your power, and carriers of Your grace. For Jesus' sake, amen.

TEAR-OFF

answered PRAYER

**JUSTICE AMY CONEY
BARRETT**

We thank God for the nomination and confirmation of Justice Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States. She said, "I love the Constitution and the Democratic Republic that it establishes, and I will devote myself to preserving it."

During one term, President Trump fulfilled his promise to transform the judiciary, with 220 confirmed federal judgeship appointments, including 3 Supreme Court appointments. "President Donald Trump's judicial nominees have consistently pledged to put aside their personal views, to interpret the Constitution and statutes as written, and to apply the law impartially." (Heritage Foundation) The blessings of this answered prayer will unfold for many years.

COVID-19: IMPACT RESTRAINED

When COVID-19 hit the United States, experts warned that 2 million Americans would die of the virus. Just over 200,000 deaths were recorded, which is 10% of the projected number. Mortality rates were estimated to be 2-3% (this is the rate of death for people with the virus). The actual mortality rate is .13%. Thanks be to God for restraining the harm the virus has caused.

U.S. JOINS GLOBAL DECLARATION DISAVOWING ABORTION

On October 22, the Trump Administration signed the historic Geneva Consensus Declaration, which establishes there is no international right to abortion. In the words of Secretary Pompeo: "[T]he declaration reaffirms 'the inherent dignity and worth' of every human being by emphasizing that every human being has the fundamental right to human life." It is hard to overestimate the importance of the U.S. leading like-minded nations to advance human dignity in this way.

FIRST FRIDAY prayer CONFERENCE CALL

DECEMBER 4, 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

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