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God Is Answering Our Prayers!

David Kubal, IFA President/CEO

Intercessors for America is a ministry that labors in the heavenlies for our nation. Intercession for a nation is not a sprint; it is a marathon. Endurance is a necessary trait for those who desire to see God's plans for our nation fulfilled. There are victories and there are defeats! It has been said that every generation must fight for freedom. There is certainly a spiritual element to this truth.

One of the keys to interceding over time is anticipating how to react when there is a defeat. Many would say that our nation, and intercessors, have just experienced a great defeat. So, what are we to do? How are we to respond? Let's look at Scripture: *If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.* (Is 1:19)

God longs to bless us. Despite victories or defeats in intercession, He sees our hearts, bent toward Him and willing to be obedient. God has the ability to see us for who we are as individuals standing before Him. In the heat of the battle, it is vital to be in community with other believers and intercessors. Within the community of fellowship with other intercessors, the Lord strengthens and encourages us for the long haul.



One of the wonderful things I get to hear are the reports of answered prayer when you pray for EACH OTHER! I understand the focus of IFA is to pray for good government, but we also support each other in prayer. In fact, we have a team of employees who call people in the IFA community to pray for you!

These IFA team members—intercessors for intercessors—see incredible answer to prayers!

One of our team recently prayed with a woman whose friend was in the hospital and in a coma. Our IFA staff person prayed with the woman specifically that God would heal her friend. The next day this woman called to report that about the time they finished praying her friend came out of the coma!

Another team member was praying with a woman whose health had recently declined, including decreased eyesight which prevented her from attending church. Our IFA staff member prayed with this woman and was so touched by her plight that he did a web search for churches in her area. To make a long story short, we were able to connect her with a pastor who had extensive ministry experience with the blind, just minutes from her home.

Yet another team member was praying with an intercessor whose loved one was detained in a foreign country. They prayed together on the phone about this situation. Within days this person was released.

A sick person healed. Ministry to a widow. A prisoner released.

Dear intercessor, victories will come (unfortunately, so will some defeats), but God is at work in this community answering our prayers! God longs to bless you as we seek Him together. ★ IFA



God Is in Control?

Jeff Coors, IFA Board Chair

Do you remember the Twila Paris song, “God is in Control”? Here are some of the song’s lyrics:

God is in control

*We believe that His children
will not be forsaken*

God is in control

*We will choose to remember
and never be shaken*

*There is no power above or
beside Him, we know*

God is in control

The title phrase, though a true statement, is not a direct quote from the Bible. The closest passage might be Romans 8:28: *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

The problem is “God is in control” is misunderstood by Christians. Recently, in relation to current events, a godly Christian told me, “But, God is in control.” Many friends have said this since last year’s election, from a variety of church backgrounds. When I ask what they mean, they cite this Scripture. However, God’s control (sovereignty is the theological term) of the universe, is complex and difficult for some Christians grasp. Here are a few difficult questions:

- Was God in control when Adam and Eve disobeyed Him and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Was He responsible for their disobedience?
- Was God in control when Satan rebelled with one-third of the angels?
- Would persecuted Christians around the world say, “God is in control”?
- Why did Jesus teach us to pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”?

Jesus knew very well that there are

forces of evil waging war against the kingdom of God. He asked us to stand against evil and to *join Him* in pushing back the darkness. He gave us authority to combat evil in His name.

What about sin? Paul said in Romans 6:12 (NLT), “Do not let *sin control* the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.” God requires us to resist sin. Even Jesus was confronted by the temptation to sin when Satan suggested He jump off the highest point of the Temple, but He took control by saying, “*The Scriptures (also) say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’*”

By His design, God is not “in control” over the free will He gave us. We are. That is why it is called “free.” It is the job of His followers to resist evil in this world, to push back the darkness and to advance the kingdom of God. Giving up and saying, “God’s in control” can actually be irresponsible!

Following Jesus requires us to join Him in the battle against evil. Lying, cheating, stealing, killing innocent life, taking His name in vain, and disobedience to God are all expressions of evil done by man in rebellion against God. Followers of Jesus join Him in combating these forces of darkness to further the Kingdom of God until Jesus returns. It is an act of disobedience to blame God for not doing what He has called us to do.

There is always a battle when the Gospel of Christ is shared. People come to Christ because of the testimony of others. The battle will continue until the final moment Jesus comes back for His bride. We trust God to equip us for the battle and to give us the battle plan. Don’t accept unrighteousness because “God is in control.” Now is no time to pull back. Press on to the victory we have in Jesus. Let us be obedient to the call He gave us to pray, “Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” ★ IFA

FIRST FRIDAY *prayer*

APRIL 2, 2021

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

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Is 40:30-31)

PRAY FOR INTERCESSORS TO HAVE STRENGTH IN THE LORD

Pray for strength for God’s prayer warriors to continue in the fight for godly values in our nation.

As we hold each other’s arms up, pray for ways to encourage fellow intercessors to not grow weary and for fellowship in this praying community. Pray for them to run with the Lord!

PRAY FOR INTERCESSORS TO HAVE HOPE IN THE LORD

Pray for each other to have hope in the Lord. Ask the Lord to remove any depression and despair, and to replace that with His joy and peace. Pray that intercessors will “*overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*” (Rom 15:13).

PRAY FOR INTERCESSORS TO SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES

Pray God’s promise over your fellow intercessors to soar on wings like eagles. As the battle increases, pray for a heavenly perspective to be able to see as God sees and to know how to pray His heart for our nation. Pray for an army of intercessors to rise up and storm heaven to see God’s glory fill this earth.



Where Do We Go From Here?

Gary Hamrick, Cornerstone Chapel, Leesburg, Virginia

“Where do we go from here?” This is the question that many Christians are asking. It’s a question that is born mostly out of disappointment.

I know that there are serious questions about election integrity and I share those deep concerns. But regardless, I also believe that the outcome of this election has exposed some things that Christians need to address, and primary among those things are people who have given false prophecies. Perhaps God is cautioning us about wanting the limelight and reminding us never to use His gifts for our glory. The best vessels of His giftings are the humble ones. After all, He is the Potter; we are just imperfect jars of clay.

Secondly, we need to address the tendency to put more faith and confidence in the one occupying the White House than in the One occupying the Throne of Heaven. It’s been my observation over the years that Christians tend to get celebratory over “their” elected leader and then depressed over their loss, as if our confidence rises and falls on whomever is in public office. Of course, we Evangelicals want righteous policies from our elected leaders. After all, *“righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”* (Prv

14:34). Nevertheless, God has used pagan kings to advance His ultimate purposes, like Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus, if for no other reason than to humble His people and motivate them to pray! Christians can sometimes get lazy when they are happy about who is governing on earth.

Thirdly, we need to address the inclination to lose sight of our real citizenship. Paul reminds us that *“our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”* (Phil 3:20). We are to stay actively engaged in our world, influencing our culture like salt and light, but this is not our home. Our ultimate citizenship is in heaven and we are only passing through. We can’t get too attached to this world or its worldly systems. To do so leads to certain depression. But if we keep our focus on heaven, remembering that earthly things are temporal but heavenly things are eternal, we will stay encouraged about the future rather than being disheartened about the present.

I don’t know all that God is up to. But I do know that our mission has not changed. We are to remain actively involved in influencing our world for Jesus. We are to be vigilant in prayer. We are to be faithful in our witness. And we are to always *“looking to Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb 12:2-3). ★ IFA

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PRAYING GOD’S WORD *for the Intercessor*

God, I ask You to cause me to think on Your Word when I awaken in the night.
(Ps 119:148)

When I am anxious or afraid, I will remember the work of Your right hand in my life. I will remember Your Word and meditate on all Your faithful deeds, for You are the God Most High.
(Ps 77:10-12)

God, I give attention to Your words, I incline my ears to Your sayings. Help me to not let them depart from before my eyes. Cause me to keep them in the midst of my heart. For they are life to me and health to my flesh.
(Prv 4:20-22)

God, I thank You that I am blessed. I will not walk in the counsel of the ungodly and I will not stand in the path of sinners. My delight is in Your Word, God, and on that Word I meditate day and night. Therefore, I am like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bring forth fruit in every season—my leaves do not wither and whatever I do prospers.
(Ps 1:1-3)

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TEAR-OFF

Oh, how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the
day. You, through Your
commandments, make me
wiser than my enemies; for
Your commandments are
ever with me. I have more
understanding than all my
teachers, for Your testimonies
are my meditation.
(Ps 119:97-99)

God, I thank You that You
will keep me in perfect
peace as I keep my mind
stayed on You, because I
trust You completely.
(Is 26:3)

God, today, I declare
whatever things are true,
whatever things are noble,
whatever things are just,
whatever things are pure,
whatever things are lovely,
whatever things are of good
report, if there is any virtue
and if there is anything
praiseworthy—I choose to
meditate on these things.
(Phil 4:8)

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in Your
sight, O Lord, my rock and my
Redeemer.
(Ps 19:14)

I will meditate on Your
precepts and contemplate
Your ways.
(Ps 119:15)

answered PRAYER

SC BANS ABORTIONS AFTER HEARTBEAT

In February, South Carolina
banned abortions after a
fetal heartbeat is detected.
SC joins 11 other states who
have limited abortion after a
heartbeat is detected. Planned
Parenthood immediately sued
and a judge stopped the law
from taking effect. This law will
certainly work its way through
the court system, and our
prayers will go with it.

SUPREME COURT ENDS CHURCH WORSHIP BAN IN CA

Throughout the pandemic,
California treated churches
differently than other
organizations and businesses.
While court cases continue,
the Supreme Court enjoined
California from separate
restrictions for churches. As
Liberty Counsel Founder and
Chairman Mat Staver said,
"A pandemic is no excuse for
violating the Constitution....
California imposed the most
severe restrictions on places of
worship. Not anymore. We will
continue to press this case until
religious freedom is totally
restored."

NEW AND BETTER PRECEDENT SET FOR NATIVITY SCENES

The ACLU and a plaintiff
who testified that she hates
Christmas went to court to
force Jackson County, Indiana
to remove a nativity display.
The case made it to the 7th
Circuit Court of Appeals,
who ruled that "we conclude
that the County's Nativity
scene is constitutional
because it fits within a long
national tradition of using
the Nativity scene in broader
holiday displays to celebrate
the origins of Christmas—a
public holiday." The historical
test the court used for this
Establishment Clause case has
been advocated for years by
Christian legal organizations.

We have a new website!



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