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National Day of Prayer: Momentum in the States Reminds Us Prayer is Working

Camille Solberg, IFA Legislative Director

On the National Day of Prayer (Thursday, May 6), intercessors across America are on the offense through their prayers and faith in Jesus. Momentum is building as positive developments in the states seek to counter radical and ungodly federal legislation and executive orders.

Be encouraged—your prayers are stirring grassroots Americans and local institutions of government to stand up for righteousness, freedom, and the God-given rule of law. Intercessors for America is committed to creating opportunities for action to assist you in prayer and action for your state and community. Praying for America's Leaders is helping fuel the state-level prayer and action movement. We offer legislative updates, action opportunities, community-building engagement, prayer focuses, and tools to help in your intercession.

How are we seeing God move in the states? There are many victories! Let's be thankful.

Your Prayers in Defense of the Unborn are being answered in Texas (see related article). Arkansas banned all abortion and hope to take their law to the Supreme Court. Montana passed four pro-life laws and elected a pro-life governor. *Praise God for these victories!*

Your Prayers for Defending States' Rights are being answered in South Dakota and Oklahoma, where leaders are standing up to federal overreach and have introduced or passed legislation giving them the power to review the constitutionality of federal Executive Orders that violate their state's sovereignty. *Thank God for states who are upholding the Constitution!*

Your Prayers to Defend the Right to Worship were answered when the Supreme Court rejected California's ban on all indoor worship by a 6-3 vote. Churches are now free to worship with

certain capacity restrictions due to Covid. *We can be grateful for how God is moving to protect religious freedom in states!*

Your Prayers to Stop Censorship, preserve privacy rights, and restrain Big Tech are being answered—a federal judge approved a class-action lawsuit against Facebook for allegedly using photos and other biometric data without the permission of its users. *Thank you, Jesus, for this decision and the other actions in states to uphold free speech.*

Your Prayers to Stop Critical Race Theory Training in our public institutions were answered when several states, including Oklahoma, West Virginia, and New Hampshire, introduced bills to ban critical race theory being taught in their public schools and training programs. *Praise God for parents and legislators who are pushing back against this ungodly ideology!*

Your Prayers to Achieve Election Integrity are being answered in multiple state houses, especially in battleground states. The Georgia Coalition was granted the right to unseal Fulton County presidential election ballots in order to look for potential voter fraud. **Arizona** passed voter ID and proof of address requirements. **Pennsylvania** created a legislative special committee to review the 2020 general election. *Thank God for victories in many states for election integrity!*

Please consider joining your state's National Day of Prayer expression on May 6th. [★ IFA](#)





Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn:

THE MINISTRY OF MARK LEE DICKSON

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Mark Lee Dickson was already the director for the Right to Life East Texas and pastor of Sovereign Love Church when his associate pastor encouraged him to go with him to the sidewalks outside a local abortion clinic. He went begrudgingly and was quickly offended by the loud, escalating voices of those fighting for life. He never wanted to be a street preacher and was more than content to preach to the people in the pews. It caused him to check himself and ask God why all of this rubbed him the wrong way.

“Is there anything wrong with what he’s saying? Is there anything wrong with how he’s saying it? Or is it just different to me and I’m just not used to this?” Mark believed in the power of public preaching, drawn to the lives of George Whitfield and John Wesley, but he was still battling internally. Then he heard the Lord speak, “Is Church history your standard or is the Word of God your standard?”

“Jesus preached outside all the time and when He’s preaching to over 5000 people, He probably elevated his voice a bit so people could hear him. So, I found myself on the sidewalk of that abortion facility echoing the message of the Gospel.”

Today he stands on those same sidewalks sharing the hope of the Gospel, new life in Christ and help for those who choose life. He regularly hears from these mothers, “I was going to kill my child, but you were there and God sent you there to save my life!”

When Mark heard from one of these mothers that there were plans to shut down the abortion facility, he felt concern in his heart rather than jubilee. As the details unfolded, he remembered



that in the early ‘90s, the director of that same facility said someone in the Houston area had pledged land and a building in the Houston area for an abortion clinic in Waskom, Texas.

In May 2019, Mark shared his concern about the potential abortion clinic with the mayor of Waskom. When the mayor asked what he could do, Mark quickly said, “Pass an ordinance outlawing abortion within the city limits.”

Waskom became the first sanctuary city the next month and at the time of this interview 21 additional cities in the state have since followed suit, with cities in Florida, Missouri and Tennessee seeking to do the same.

Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. (Amos 5:15)

Today Mark is on a quest to bring protections for the unborn to cities across this nation. The Biden administration stated on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade that they want to see abortion access in every zip code. Mark is advocating that no matter how big or small cities are, they can make a stance – and this nation will be transformed zip code by zip code for LIFE.

To learn more the most up-to-date numbers and how your city and local government can get involved, visit sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com. ★ IFA

FIRST FRIDAY prayer

MAY 7, 2021

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

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Tm 2:1-4)

PRAY FOR STATE GOVERNMENT

Pray for state legislators to stand strong in the middle of the new “cancel culture” and not give in to pressure to create laws that go against Scripture.

Pray for Christians to take action by engaging with their state government, running for office, and sending messages to their state representatives letting them know they are covered in prayer.

PRAY FOR SANCTUARY CITIES FOR THE UNBORN

Pray that more cities would declare themselves sanctuary cities to protect life for the born and unborn. Pray that local leaders would be convicted to ensure safe havens for unwed mothers in crisis pregnancies and provide resources and help for those situations.

PRAY FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

Continue to lift up our election officials in prayer. Pray for fraud to be exposed and for trust to be restored to the election process. Ask the Lord to bless those on the front lines fighting to protect our democracy.



Amistad Project Keeps Up the Fight on Potential Election Fraud

Kris Kubal, IFA Program Director

Erick Kaardal, lead attorney for the Amistad Project of the Thomas More Society, was a guest at IFA's Prayer for America's Leaders webcast to talk about lawsuits and potential 2020 election fraud. Election integrity litigation is nothing new for Kaardal, whose experience spans 20 years of suing the government.

In mid-2020, the Amistad Project investigated the election process in urban areas. What did they find? They found a "massive corporate influence in election administration." Specifically, they learned that Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg donated \$350 million to nonprofit Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) to increase voter turnout in these urban areas. The election officials who received Zuckerberg's money, like those in cities of Philadelphia, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Atlanta, and Phoenix, were able to tip the scale by providing more access to voting for those people. The Amistad Project contends that the corporate money resulted in favoring a demographic group which is the same as disfavoring a demographic group. The government, Kaardal explained, committed two sins—the sin of favoring a demographic group and the sin of disfavoring a demographic group.

Kaardal says the Amistad Project saw many instances of election officials violating election laws, "They were changing the laws or diverting authority from people who were legally authorized to administer election laws." While there were some court decisions confirming this before the election, Kaardal says that they are now collecting more information and documentation confirming violation of election laws by officials. One example is the court ruling that the Michigan Secretary of State broke the law with absentee-ballot instruction. In Wisconsin, the Amistad Project

now has documents confirming that when CTCL operated in Green Bay they also introduced nonprofit groups funded by private corporations such as the National Vote at Home Institute, the Elections Group, and others. Green Bay allowed these private corporations to run the 2020 election even though the election law in WI, like those in MI, PA, GA, AZ, clearly states that only election officials are to run the elections.

KAARDAL OFFERS US THIS QUESTION,

"What kind of election law system do we want to be present for our children or our grandchildren?"

Kaardal gives credit to superheroes like Kris Teske, the former city clerk of Green Bay who was "constructively discharged" for protesting the city's acceptance of private corporations' money and conditions. The work at the Amistad Project has direct implications on the 2022 and 2024 elections and Kaardal offers us this question, "What kind of election law system do we want to be present for our children or our grandchildren?" He is deeply grateful for your prayers for those in the frontline at the Amistad Project. He says, "Without prayer, there's nothing. Prayer is the foundation." Prayer, he continues, provides hope so that they can file lawsuits, work on legislative reforms, and turn this country back "into a nation we can be proud of."

For more information, check out got-freedom.org/evidence/. ★ IFA

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2021 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Lord, we look up and see
the billions of stars You
created, and we praise
You. We look around and
see the billions of people
You created in Your
image; uniquely, fearfully,
wonderfully, and we
thank You. Wrap us in
Your Spirit and unite us in
Your family, Lord.

Thank You for loving us
first. In Your love for the
whole world, You sent
Your Son to save us.

Jesus, in You alone we
have abundant and
everlasting life. Thank
you for teaching and
leading us to love
and live, fruitful, and
faithful. In Your life,
death, resurrection,
and ascension You are
our Lord, our love, our
life, and our liberty.
You came to "bind up
the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to
captives and freedom
to prisoners." You have
freed us from the penalty
and shame of our sin;
free to live life as You
designed and Your
destiny for our Nation.

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2021 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Spirit search us, convict us, as we repent for our sin and the sins of America. Please cleanse, fill, and send us. We rejoice, knowing that Your forgiveness makes us acceptable and effective vessels for Your love, life and liberty in our family, church, education, workplace, military, government, art, entertainment, and media.

We pray that America will be united in love to serve You with all our hearts, all our ways, and all of our days. Unite us to pray, love; to live and walk by the Spirit. Conform and transform us as we pray and proclaim, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We pray this is the name of Jesus, Amen.

*-Kathy Branzell
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Prayer Task Force*

**The National Day of Prayer is
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021.**

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BIBLICAL WAYS TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY

1. That they be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act (Prv 9:10).
2. That they would seek and be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding from God (Jas 1:5).
3. That they be presented with the Gospel and a loving Christian witness (Rom 10:14).
4. That, if unsaved, they be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ; if born again, that they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith (1 Tm 2:4; Eph 1:17-23).
5. That they recognize their own inadequacy, pray, and seek the will of God (Prv 3:5-8; Lk 11:9-13).
6. That they be convicted of sin, transgression, and iniquity (Ps 51:17; Jn 8:9).
7. That they heed their conscience, confess their sins, and repent (Prv 28:13; Jas 4:8).
8. That they read the Bible and attend prayer meetings and Bible studies (Ps 119:11; Col 3:2).
9. That they value and regard the teachings of the Word of God (Ps 19:7-11; Jn 8:31-32).
10. That they respect and honor their own parents (Eph 6:2-3).
11. That they respect authority and practice accountability (Rom 13:1-7).
12. That they be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors (Prv 24:6).
13. That they be honest and faithful to spouses and children (Mal 2:15-16).
14. That they be practicing members of local congregations (Heb 10:25).

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GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES

ACROSS THE NATION.

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