At IFA We Pursue Intercessory Intel for You

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The articles you read at IFA, the broadcasts you listen to, and the special resources we create for you all have one thing in common—the fierce desire of our staff, national team of contributing writers, and our very special top-notch guests to deliver Intercessory Intel which is out in front of the news. We do this by relying on God to open the door to special sources and bring us news before it happens. This helps you to pray effectively with greater understanding. You will be blessed at the miraculous ways God intervened to bring Intercessory Intel to you.

Kris Kubal, Director of Programs and Marketing at IFA, tells the first story. “At 10:30 pm on August 13, I received a text from a contact within the military. I had spearheaded intercessory prayer for him on a sensitive and undisclosed issue in the previous year. He thanked IFA for the miracles that our prayer delivered for his high-level situation. He shared with me about a current operation by his former military colleagues to extract widows and orphans within a quickly collapsing Afghanistan—as volunteers—using military-style rescue ops. They needed prayer. They needed miracles. This was before the information about rescues was in the news. I shared this with the wider IFA community of intercessors through IFA’s Headline Prayer.”

Meanwhile, I was working to schedule Chad Robichaux of the Mighty Oaks Foundation to appear on the September First Friday Prayer Conference Call because of his experience in Afghanistan, since it was the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Kris continued to text and share prayer requests with her military contact as the crisis in Afghanistan mounted. She said, “When I mentioned to my contact that we were going to interview Chad, he cried out, ‘That is my contact!’” Chad was “the on-the ground person” who was feeding intel and requests to Kris’ contact! A short time later, Chad shared a breathtaking story on the IFA, webcast about how he and his team rescued over 30,000 Americans and Afghan allies out of the country days before the U.S. forces left. Clearly, God orchestrated all of this to bring about prayer for vulnerable widows and orphans as well as stranded Americans, and then to include all of us in seeing how we were part of a miracle.

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The next week, we scheduled Arizona State Representative Wendy Rogers to appear on a webcast to talk and pray about 9/11. She is well known as a fierce advocate for election integrity and is also a retired Air Force officer. Little did we know that the night before her appearance, the Arizona election canvassing report would be issued. She offered amazing insight into the election fraud investigation process, the Arizona audit, and the canvass. Once again, God had gone before us to bring intercessors special insight for prayer.

At IFA, we strive to constantly seek God’s direction for the issues and research topics our intercessors need. We ask God to help us stay ahead of the breaking news to transfer the prayer points to you before the news happens. That’s our prayer. The utterly impossible is entirely receivable! Thanks to God, He uses the Holy Spirit to show us what we call Intercessory Intel (Jer 33:3).
You Are Defeating the Abortion Giant
Joyce Swingle, IFA Contributing Writer

Birthed in the long shadow of Roe v. Wade, Intercessors for America continues to take swings at the abortion Goliath. We recently interviewed two leaders who model IFA’s value of adding “action to intercession.” Janet Porter, architect of the first Heartbeat Bill, joined Pray with Others Live, and Texas Senator Bryan Hughes, author of his state’s Heartbeat Bill, joined Pray with America’s Leaders.

Porter, active for years in the pro-life movement, was one of many — as she put it — “regulating around the edges” of abortion. But the seemingly insatiable blood lust of the industry convinced her to aim higher — to end abortion. So, Porter began to work on the state level drafting bills to protect all babies once a heartbeat is detected.

She faced animosity on all sides, including, sadly, some in the pro-life movement. But Porter was inspired by Ohio’s motto, “With God, all things are possible.” Eight long years later, Ohio’s Heartbeat Bill overcame two vetoes to garner the necessary votes to become law.

That victory gave wings to efforts elsewhere; to date, 14 states have enacted some form of Heartbeat Bill. Now Porter is swinging at another giant by developing a situation comedy designed to promote Christian values through godly humor. Daunting though it may seem to take on the entertainment behemoth, Porter says, “Once you’ve seen Goliath fall, nobody can tell you it can’t be done.”

Texas, too, tackled the abortion giant with its Heartbeat Bill. Though opponents had appealed to the Supreme Court, the justices declined to block the legislation, clearing the way for its enactment on September 1, 2021.

Veteran legislator Hughes and his team crafted the law with a unique enforcement mechanism. According to Hughes, this strategy suggested itself when numerous U.S. district attorneys asserted they would not enforce anti-abortion laws. Given the lack, then, of criminal sanction, Texas’ law allows individual citizens to bring civil suits against violators on behalf of the common good.

To enforce the law, Hughes expected to file a rash of civil suits on behalf of private citizens. But threatening the pocketbook seems to be a greater deterrent than the prospect of jail time. Hughes told IFA, “Remarkably, the abortion industry is complying with the law. As of September 1, they have stopped doing abortions on little babies that have heartbeats.”

Thanking God for this result, Hughes shared his heart, saying, “This is the main reason the Lord led us to get involved in politics — protecting innocent human life.” In the end, though, Hughes reminds us the fight is not really political. It is about changing hearts.

That is where you, faithful intercessors, come in. Both Porter and Hughes gave thanks to the Lord for acting upon the many prayers you have kindled in heaven. From your knees, you are helping to launch winning strategies to fell the giants that are casting shadows on America. We can indeed see the Son shining again in the land.
From Prayer Meeting to Prayer Movement
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A prayer movement with 24/7 prayer coverage in your county can be more than a dream! Inspired by the Whatcom 24/7 House of Prayer birthed in Washington State, IFA intercessor Susan Moore embarked on a mission to bring 24/7 prayer coverage to her county in Texas. Birthed in a pivotal prayer meeting with 80 fellow intercessors in 2016, today the prayer movement, based on 1Church1Day, involves 40 churches, 11 towns, and as many as 900 people praying the same effective prayer in unity for their community.

As this prayer canopy exploded in Brazoria County, fellow intercessor Rosamond Panzarella told the Lord she would partner with Moore if asked. Fifteen minutes later the phone rang. Today, this powerful duo, along with a team of eight strategic community leaders, builds the platform for God to move mountains in their local community. Every two months, a six-page prayer guide is crafted for the intercessors in their county. They prayerfully scour the local news, solicit strategic team leaders in the seven spheres of influence (government, media, arts and entertainment, business, education, religion, and family), and use key prayer points from IFA. Panzarella selects at least two key verses to pray for each of the prayer points. Partner churches are asked to find at least six people in their church to pray for one hour each month. During their prayer hours, each church prays through the specific needs of their congregation first, and after that the prayer guide, which cultivates community and unity.

In Brazoria County, spiritual mountains are being moved, ushering in the Father’s heart for their community. It began with a stirring in Moore’s heart. As a former teacher and long-time Christian bookstore owner, she already knew all the pastors and had built trust with each one. How strategic our God is to bring those with connections (former teachers, counselors, former police chief) to create a body to intercede on behalf of a greater community.

“People are praying in unison, using God’s Word, and it is effective. We pray the answer (the Word) and not the problem. It’s the Word of God and we KNOW if we are praying His will,” said Moore.

Here is how it works practically. Moore sends an email the week prior to the monthly meeting with the newly created guide and schedule. Then, Panzarella sends a text reminder an hour before. Because of the prayer guide, all the intercessors are praying for their local officials by name and can tell them this when they encounter them.

Moore is excited to share how God is moving in Texas. The people are taking seriously the heart of 2 Chronicles 7:14, “This year on June 16, 2021, our governor, Governor Abbott, signed into law that every school building must display the national motto in a conspicuous place—In God We Trust. We are working on that diligently.”

The enemy camp is strategic and organized. Let’s pray for more of this strategic, organized effort from our knees. We serve the God of the breakthrough, the God of angel armies.

**REMEMBER THIS:**

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor 9:6-7).
I come to You now by Your grace, and with faith in Your name. I want to commit myself fully to You at this moment, and I want to give You everything that I am and everything that I have. I confess that nothing I have is really mine. It is all a gift that has come from You. And now, I place it in Your hands, returning it to You with thanks. The same is true with me, dear Lord. I am not my own, but I have been bought with a price—Your precious blood. You have purchased me, and I give myself once again to You.

Dear Lord, as I place myself and all I own into Your hands, I ask that You would give me the grace and wisdom to steward what You have given to me. Help me to be a cheerful, generous giver. Help me to invest Your resources wisely. Help me to respond to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit as I share the resources with which You have blessed me. Help me to be aware of those who are in need of the resources You are giving to me. Please help me to give in a way that brings glory and honor to Your name.

And for all the good and all the blessing that flows as a result, I will be careful to give You the honor, the praise and the glory—for only You are deserving of it.

All of me and all that I have and will have, I now commit to You in love and faith. In Your name I pray. Amen.

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