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Intercessors Stand As a Firewall

KRIS KUBAL, IFA DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Influential pastor and evangelist Mario Murillo recently talked with IFA President/CEO Dave Kubal. Murillo rallied intercessors with his vision of the Lord's restorative work in America. "Even in our fallen, backslidden, immoral state, we still stand as a firewall," he said.

This role stems from the nation's beginnings. According to Murillo, the Lord has blessed America because of three specific actions: Preaching the gospel, as the pilgrims' covenant with God; standing with Israel; and providing charity to impoverished nations and peoples.

As a firewall, the United States stands against demonic plans. Murillo said, "...Satan looks at America and says, 'I can't do what I want in bringing the antichrist, the beast, and world domination as long as American freedom exists.' And when we pray, that is the essential knowledge that must be in our mind."

Murillo called pastors and intercessors to recognize the current war. In discussing Psalm 11:3-4, Murillo pointed out that David's plea to the Lord *assumes* the righteous act, with focus on the Lord. "Lord, what can the righteous do when the foundations are removed. God is in His temple on His throne. How would David know that unless that's where he was staring," he said.

If Israel's beleaguered warrior king kept his eyes on the Lord, America's embattled believers must too. According to Murillo, this war *must* end in victory. He said, "... [T]he Christian righteous have dug in their heels. They're not going to compromise....So our thoughts are freedom is coming because the sheep and the goats are being separated and the power of God will be manifested over America."

We are all called into this battle. "The power of the Christian faith is that anyone at any moment that says to the Lord, 'Use me' has access to promotion, to equipping, and power," Murillo exhorted. "... So the fresh anointing is going to be

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this: People that no one has ever heard of, coming from places no one expected, will do things that people have never imagined."

Murillo shared a vivid image of the spiritual reality, "[Jesus] said I send you forth as sheep before wolves. What more predictable outcome is there than what is supposed to happen to a group of sheep who wander into a pack of wolves. Well, here's what Jesus is saying, 'That's how you look: To the world, helpless. To the world, defenseless. To the world, ineffectual. But you have no understanding of the Lion that is standing behind those sheep staring at those wolves.'"

Murillo prayed an impartation of fresh anointing over IFA intercessors, saying, "...In Isaiah, it says no weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every condemning tongue you shall rebuke. This is the heritage of the people of God.... We have to shake up our thinking, we have to look in the mirror and realize we come from a legacy of supernatural power. Impossible things. That's who we are and that's needed in this moment more than anything else. And that is the fresh anointing." **IFA**



Pro-life Governor Takes Aim at Roe v. Wade

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As Mississippi Governor from 2012 to 2020, Phil Bryant knocked off key social ills. Rates for unemployment, high school dropouts, and teen pregnancies hit record lows during his tenure. But what he really wanted to stop was abortion.

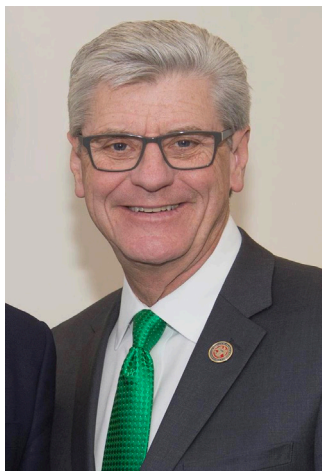
In an interview with IFA's Dave Kubal, Bryant shared,

"The number one issue—the first thing we all do as governors or anyone in public life—is public safety. To protect the lives of our citizens. These (pre-born children) are citizens. And they deserve due process. They deserve the constitutional rights of every citizen of the United States. They are children of God and we must lay down our lives, if necessary, to protect them."

Hope to do this came with the heartbeat bill and the science of the sonogram. "At about fifteen weeks, you can detect...that heartbeat, the brain is beginning to mature. Life clearly exists," Bryant said. "So it was a viability question. Is that child viable? Is it a human life? And if it is a human life, does the state of Mississippi have a right to protect it? We said it does and we are going to fight it all the way to the Supreme Court."

This case—Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health—aims directly at Roe v. Wade. Bryant said, "Our 10th amendment said all of those laws that are not prohibited—powers that are not specifically given to the federal government—are those of the states. We believe this is a states' rights issue."

Bryant is no stranger to the court system. He was sued over the state flag, religious freedoms, even the state budget. "And all of the cases went to



Phil Bryant, served as the 64th Governor of Mississippi from 2012 to 2020

the same judge. Remarkably the same Obama-appointed judge got every case in which I was sued," Bryant said.

But things went differently with the lawsuit over the heartbeat bill. "It went to the Fifth Circuit and the Fifth Circuit said, 'We're trying to deliberate as to whether or not we will hear it,'" Bryant said. "And the United States Supreme Court said, 'We are going to hear it. We're going to pull that out and bring it before the United States Supreme Court.' Remarkable that this is happening at this time."

Bryant isn't shy about his goal: "[These judicial activists] thought it was a big deal, 'Oh we got him to admit that he wants to [end abortion in Mississippi].' Praise God I do! You got me! If you want me to say I want to end abortion, you got me. I'll write it down and testify to it."

His testimony is fueled from heaven. "I was just looking this morning at my devotional Jesus Calling. It says 'Do not let any set of circumstances intimidate you. The more challenging your day, the more of My power I place at your disposal. Amen,'" Bryant said. "That is for today. He is placing His power at our disposal for this purpose and we can't let any set of circumstances intimidate us." **IFA**

First Friday Prayer

NEXT CALLS ARE FRIDAY

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Join with thousands across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens on the first Friday of every month. We encourage intercessors to fast and pray for America using the prayer focuses below.

STANDING AS A FIREWALL

Pray that America remains standing as a firewall against the plans of the enemy to implement a global anti-Christ strategy of satanic domination. Pray intercessors can see and take heart that the Lord is on His throne (Ps 11). Thank God no weapon formed against His servants shall prosper and no tongue raised against them shall be effective (Is 54:17). Pray that our witness would be unsullied by fear, compromise, or unforgiveness (Mt 10: 26-33). Pray intercessors appropriate the legacy of supernatural power that is ours in Christ Jesus.

STAND FOR LIFE

Thank the Lord for state leadership standing for life and being willing to fight the battle to protect the pre-born. Pray for courage in the face of adversity and boldness to speak the truth.

UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Pray for a spirit of unity to sweep across our nation, breaking down walls of division. Ask God to cause each of us to live a life pleasing to Him, bearing fruit as we grow in Him. Pray for the Shalom (peace) of God to invade our atmosphere as we enter this new year. May we be like the Church in Acts when God's people were of one mind and in one accord. Pray that we would sow unity and not partner in division, being led by the Holy Spirit. (Heb 12:14-15)



The Blessing of Unity

KIM POTTER, IFA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore (Ps 133:1-3).

There is a place where God commands a blessing. That place is unity.

Our country is called the UNITED States of America. According to Webster's Dictionary, the word united is defined as: Joined; made to agree; cemented; mixed; attached by growth.

The enemy has fought the most in our nation at the place of unity. He is doing everything he can to create division. Division in race. In politics. In gender. His plan is to divide. There is no commanded blessing from God where there is division, and he knows that.

While I know it is not possible for us to agree on all things – I feel certain we can agree on some things, don't you?

We can agree we desire the plan of God for our nation. We can agree we want the best for the people of this nation. We desire one nation under God. Can we not agree on those things?



Can we agree we want to please God with our faith and prayer life? Yes! Then let's unify and pray for unity in our nation.

Another definition of united is "attached by growth." I love that!

2 Peter 3:18 says, *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Colossians 1:9-10 says, *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.*

As we grow in God, we grow in unity, because our desire to please God increases. Division does not please God. His Word says a house divided cannot stand. Yet, He promises a COMMANDED blessing in unity. I desire that commanded blessing for our cities, our states, and our nation. I am convinced God is just waiting and desires to command that blessing, that comes with unity, upon our nation.

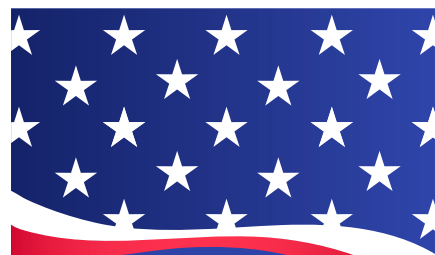
Today, I ask you to pray with me that first of all truth be revealed all across America. Then pray for unity. Unity in your home. Unity between man and wife. Unity with your children and grandchildren. Unity in your city. Unity in our government, and unity in our great nation.

Let's lay hold of that commanded blessing together.

United we stand. For with GOD all things are possible, and NOTHING is impossible to him who believes.

I believe, how about you? **IFA**

TEAR-OFF



5 Ways TO FOSTER True Freedom IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Our nation has an increasing need for righteous leaders in towns, counties, cities, states, and at the federal level. Pray about these five critical needs in your community that will affect the protection of religious freedom in our nation.

1. Pray about our Culture

Proverbs 9:10-11

Pray about the state of the culture in your community. Systemic problems—homelessness, crime, family breakdown—are often addressed with insufficient and misdirected actions. Pray that the spirit of godlessness would be replaced with a spirit of hope in and fear of the Lord.

2. Pray about our Laws

Romans 13

New laws in many communities today are normalizing sin as old laws are ignored, which promotes lawlessness. Pray for judges, law enforcement, and legislators to act justly and boldly uphold law and order in our communities.

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3. Pray about our Schools

Psalm 119:9

In direct answer to the prayers of IFA intercessors, parents and citizens have pushed back on Critical Race Theory and unbiblical sexuality instruction in schools. The momentum has shifted in communities across the nation who "woke" up to what was happening in schools. Ask the Lord how you can join Him in what He is doing. Ask, "How can I support the Christian teachers and administrators in my town? Is God calling me to participate on my school board, in my school, or prayer walk around schools? How can I speak out for righteousness?"

4. Pray about Righteous Leaders

Isaiah 6:8

We need Christians who will listen for God's voice when He calls to stand in the gap as a public servant, bringing godly values to governance. Ask the Lord, "Are You calling me to serve? How can I support others who are called by God to lead in my community? Pray that God would raise up warriors who will lead in these difficult times.

5. Pray about our Laws

2 Corinthians 3:12

Censored speech, vaccine mandates, restrictions on gathering. Religious freedom in America has been gravely tested. Pray for boldness for the body of Christ to combine prayer with action. How can you stand up for religious freedom in your community: your local government, your place of work, your children's school, in local elections?

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What you're saying about IFA ...

“ To God be the glory for the great things You have done!! Thank You for uniting Your church to seek You in prayer for the evil all around us!

I pray for Dave Kubal and the entire IFA family. Please continue to strengthen us and guide us by Your Spirit!

"This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's'" (2 Chr 20:14-15 NIV).

In Jesus' name we claim victory. Amen. Vicki

“ Isn't it incredible to be a part of God's Word in action? We as a body become much, much more united and dedicated to join our forces in this heavenly battle and God is moving!! Please, brothers and sisters, do not relent!! Be prepared for satan's counterattack. We must lift up each other, we must lift up IFA and its leaders and workers. Thank you, Mr. Kubal, for the sacrifices you have made to bring the Church together in this way. Bob

“ Thank you all of IFA, all its leaders, and those who are answering the call to pray, and are fighting for righteousness and freedom in our nation. . . . Thank You, Father God, for Your mercy and grace. Thank You for igniting the fire in our hearts to repent and pursue righteousness . . . Our God is bigger and abundantly more than we can ask think or imagine. All glory be HIS.

Let's keep the fire burning and the Spirit alive and active and bring forth a great harvest unlike ever before.

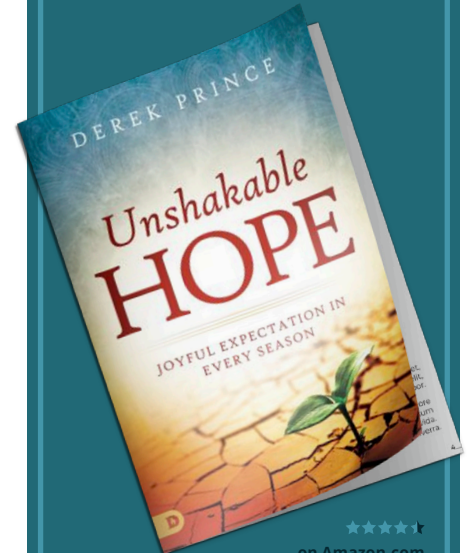
This is the beginning of the great turn around for our nation and kingdom flame explosion of the Holy Spirit in the Ekklesia and the harvest to follow. Susan

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