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# Prayer That Changes History

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Whenever the United States has faced grave difficulty, prayer has made a difference. For 50 years this truth has been at the heart of everything IFA does.

The Civil War pitted brother against brother and countryman against countryman. Over 600,000 Americans died in that war, more casualties than in all other American conflicts combined. This gruesome war might have destroyed the United States, yet our nation emerged from the tragedy and grew stronger.

Prayer enabled Americans to make it through the tragic conflict. Chaplains served Union and Confederate soldiers and provided prayer books. Here is a sample prayer for the morning: "O Lord our heavenly Father Almighty and everlasting God who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings being ordered by thy governance may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

During World War II, the Nazi army was in decline, facing battles on both the eastern and western fronts. The Russian Red Army was poised to defeat the Germans on the eastern front and to keep moving westward, hoping to eventually dominate Europe. We now understand how important D-Day was to the history of the entire world. Not only did the Nazis have to be stopped, but Europe needed to be protected from communism. The day before the D-Day invasion, President Roosevelt led the nation in prayer over the radio. The prayer was

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published in newspapers across America. Here is a portion: "Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity. Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith. ... Many people have urged that I call the nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. ... With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy."

Today we see challenges to our laws, culture, Constitution, and morality across the nation. We often feel that we, too, are in the middle of a tremendous battle. Let there be no doubt — we are! But let us always remember that this nation has faced dire times in the past, and that sustained prayer has played an irreplaceable role in bringing us through those difficult times. With each emerging concern, we need to seek God's intervention and guidance.

Crucial midterm elections now demand our attention, prayer, and action. As we pray and act, let us reflect upon how God has delivered our nation in the past, and let us encourage each other with this truth.

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for the Lord your God ... will not leave you nor forsake you" (Deut. 31:6; Heb. 13:5 NKJV). THE CONNECTER OCTOBER 2022



# Prayer and Engagement Equal Election Momentum

BY GLORIA ROBLES, IFA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Lance Wallnau recently appeared on an IFA First Friday prayer call. Wallnau, a consultant, author, and prophet, shared with IFA insight about what he believes God is doing in and through the 2O22 midterm elections and leading up to the elections of 2O24.



Of course, many discussions about the current elections often begin with a look back at the still unraveling fraud in the 2020 elections. The media have refused to cover or investigate charges of fraud, vote tampering, redefined electoral maps, or the issues that fueled the protests on Washington on Jan. 6. Discouraged, people began wondering if voting even matters anymore. "This is exactly what the media wants," Wallnau said. "They want to distort reality to the masses through cunning and deceit." He is convinced that in the 2022 midterm elections we will see "suspicious ballots, early ballots, and early tabulations. This is a plot by the media to discourage voters and suppress voter turnout."

Wallnau insists that showing up to vote is pivotal if we want to take back this nation. "We are seeing a grassroots surge," he said. "By more people showing up to vote, we are taking away [the media and elite] control." Indeed, grassroots involvement is crucial, and not just in big races such as those for governor and Congress; elections for local school board and precincts

and for state legislatures will be key in turning the tide. "The midterms will ultimately reflect the turnout of the people."

The 2020 elections backlash has pushed the issue of election integrity to the forefront, and there is great movement taking place now. In Arizona the election director has resigned, while in Fulton County, Georgia, the entire election team stepped down. Colorado, and Maricopa County, Arizona, are filing lawsuits that cite election fraud. An Obamaappointed judge in Arizona is looking into evidence of machine manipulation there. Wallnau praised all these efforts: "The exposure of corruption is absolutely necessary to reinforce election integrity," he said.

The 2020 election fraud "has energized and mobilized a vast army of people," observed Wallnau. "They are now engaged in the destiny of this nation. Instead of being spectators waiting for Trump to do something, it's the body of Christ stepping up to do something."

Some have become disillusioned, but Wallnau urges us all to unify as the people of Christ and to realign with Him. "When the body of Christ gets into alignment with what God wants, He will deal with disobedience," Wallnau said. "We have to pray for all unrighteousness to be thwarted and [for] the exposure of corrupt practices, and God will continue to expose and deal with all corruption."

Ultimately, Wallnau exhorts intercessors, "If we approach prayer with the disposition of Christ, we will win the unwinnable."

## First Friday Prayer

NEXT CALL IS FRIDAY

## October 7

12:15 PM ET

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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.

## FACING CRISES WITH PRAYER

Pray that our nation's leaders might understand the power of prayer and that they would encourage the nation to call on God for help. Pray also that we would know that we are dependent on God for deliverance from the challenges facing our nation, states, and local communities.

#### MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Let's pray that Christians would engage in the elections in whatever ways the Lord leads. And pray that while they engage, they will stay focused on the Lord, His will, and His plans. Pray that God would prevent or expose all corruption. Pray that His will for each election would be done (Prov. 21:30). Let's agree in prayer with our Lord, who tells us in His Word that no purpose of His can be thwarted (Job 42:2).

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Pray for those leaders who work evil in secret, whether ignorantly or intentionally — that our Father would reach them and that they might be forgiven and transformed. Ask God to touch their hardened hearts; entreat Him to draw them in His kindness to repentance (Rom. 2:4). Pray also for the strengthening of godly leaders and ask the Lord to grant them greater influence.



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## **Candidates Need Intercessors**

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IFA urges intercessors to pray and to act. We have long encouraged Christians to engage in civic action. Yes, pray — because without prayer, action is in vain. But also act — become informed and engaged, run for local office, and support others who are running for office.

Many of us have been contending for our nation and our states for years. IFA has led the way in faithfilled national intercession for almost 50 years.

Election cycle after election cycle, we have prayed, interceded, and stood watch. Some of us have also served in elected and appointed offices without compromise. However, the Church has generally been reluctant, or perhaps intimidated, to step into the ring. How has this reluctance allowed giants to occupy our God-given territory?

I believe that God is inviting His people to bring the kingdom into politics in 2022. unlike almost any other time our generation has ever experienced. Across the country, regular churchgoing folks have been obeying the Lord's promptings to run for office this year — knowing that this is God's mission and that He will fight the battle. Additionally, there are candidates running who may not themselves be Christians, but whose policies nonetheless uphold justice, truth, and the Constitution.

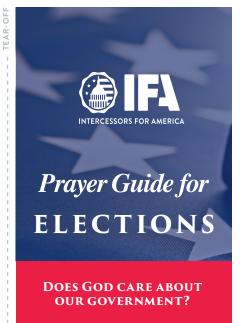
None of these allies can succeed without us, and we must consider how we can support them. Making phone calls or knocking on doors? Putting up a yard sign? Sending donations? Tagging godly candidates



on your social media? Hosting candidate meet-andgreets inside your home?

This election battle is all about whose report we will believe. It is about what I recently heard in prayer: "The election is about what your lives will be in America; the gospel is about what your lives will be in eternity." We are called to stand for righteousness in our states and our nation, and we will do it, so that we the people can rejoice.

On Sept. 6, 2021, during a prayer-and-repentance gathering on the site where Harriet Tubman escaped to freedom, God whispered these words to me about my home state of Maryland: "Call it Free State." Prior to that day, I was unaware of Maryland's unofficial name as the Free State. Therefore, I am convinced that God was whispering to me that we are well able to defeat the giants in the land and to be a free state, because "whom the Son sets free is free indeed." This is true for all of America. If we will only say yes, God will give us the strategy, the protection, and the provision to take this mountain. If you have ever felt prompted this way before, but didn't act, this might just be your David or Esther moment.



God established government and delegates this authority to mankind to accomplish His will on earth.

(ROM 13:1)

He holds nations accountable for their collective actions.

(2 CHR 20:6)

Godly government should reflect Kingdom values.

(MT 6:10)

Civil government is called to protect law-abiding citizens and punish lawbreakers.

(ROM 13:3)

## WHY SHOULD BELIEVERS PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS?

We influence government officials through our involvement, witness, and prayer.

(1 TM 2:1-2)

We pray for God-fearing leaders to promote peace and order in society.

(Ex 18:21)

We can affect the nation through our involvement in voting—reflecting biblical values in legislation and leadership.

(MT 5:13)

We are charged to be good citizens of the nations where we live.

(JER 29:7)

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- ★ 1. Pray for God's purposes to be fulfilled in our nation. (PRV 29:2, 2 TM 1:9, PS 99:1-9)
- ★ 2. Pray that the schemes of the enemy would be exposed, dismantled, and destroyed. (1 PT 5:8)
- \* 3. Pray for swift justice for any unlawful or corrupt action that is taken to thwart our nation's Constitution, laws, or integrity. (EPH 4:28, PRV 21:15)
- ★ 4. Pray for the election process to be fair, honest, and free of corruption and manipulation. (2 COR 8:21)
- ★ 5. Pray for candidates to have an encounter with Christ that is life-changing if they do not know Him.
  (Ps 145:18)
- ★ 6. Pray for candidates and leaders who are God-fearing to be protected, to continue seeking God, and to have favor.

  (2 COR 9:8, PS 111:10)
- ★ 7. Pray that believers would conduct due diligence on candidates and their positions, and that they would weigh those positions with the Word of God. (HEB 5:14, HOS 14:9)
- ★ 8. Pray that believers would take their responsibility to vote seriously and would cast their votes in much greater numbers. (PRV 29:2)
- ★ 9. Pray for citizens to be able to discern the truth as they hear the candidates, see ads, watch debates, and tune in to pundits and the media. May they have the desire to seek truth and discern it. (Ps 43:3, HOS 14:9)
- ★ 10. Pray that discourse would be civil and respectful during this time of polarizing views. (EPH 4:32)
- \* 11. Pray for physical protection for our president, vice president, all candidates, and current leaders during this time. (2 THES 3:3, PS 34:7)
- ★ 12. Pray that the election outcome would result in our nation being poised for greater spiritual growth and revival. (PS 85:6, 2 CHR 7:14, PS 22:27)



## **ANSWERED PRAYERS**

### Oil Released

IFA asked intercessors to pray that the flow of oil would be released. Just a few weeks later, a federal judge permanently stopped President Biden from pausing new oil and gas leasing on federal lands. This is a direct answer to our prayer to God to cast down every "... executive order ... that prevents oil from flowing freely in America."

## **Abortion Clinics Shut**

Every abortion clinic in Tennessee and Arkansas has shut its doors following the historic Supreme Court Dobbs decision that triggered state bans on abortion. Despite all the rhetoric about "women's health," abortion was clearly the primary service being provided.

#### **Tide Turns on Trans**

**Growing evidence suggests** that public opinion and policy may be shifting away from pro-transgender, An all-girls school in Tennessee floated, and then reversed, the acceptance of anyone wrongly identifying as a girl. Every sorority in a major university has declined a transgender "woman." Many states are banning biological boys from competing in female sports. The FDA now adds warnings to puberty blockers after six girls experienced severe reactions.

## **Trafficking Rescue**

Dozens of trafficking victims, both adults and children, were recently found and freed. Operation Cross Country, a joint effort of federal, state, and local partners, rescued 141 adults and 84 minors as young as 11, and identified 37 actively missing children.

# Praying for the Political Parties!

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