

The Connector

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Your Next Assignment Is Waiting

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Intercessors persevere in prayer for some burdens for years. For many of us, the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* was one of those burdens. In fact, IFA began out of the need for prayer after that dreadful Supreme Court decision in 1973. We praise God for this answer to the millions of prayers offered up over the past 50 years.

This answer to prayer may be ushering in your next assignment. With the end of *Roe* and the national abortion mandate, the battle for life shifts from the Supreme Court over to the states.

For many years, IFA has sensed God's leading to prepare for state-level prayer groups. However, it wasn't until after the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case was selected by the Supreme Court in 2021 that we knew it was God's timing.

The reversal of *Roe v. Wade* did much more than put an end to a federal abortion mandate or shift a political strategy: It shifted the spiritual atmosphere — and changed the strategy and assignment for intercession.

We had planned to add state prayer groups slowly in 2022, two at a time. When God opened the door, however, a flood of intercessors responded. God had been stirring and speaking to intercessors across the country, preparing them for new roles within the IFA community. We have heard more than a few testimonies from state leaders who had been asking the Lord for something more that they could do with IFA. When this opportunity presented itself, they responded with immediate obedience to God's call.

Now every state and a few territories are hosting IFA prayer meetings. These times of prayer offer

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community connection and strategic intercession for your state. With an incredible staff of volunteer prayer-group leaders and a download from God for the mission of these groups, our IFA team of Kris Kubal, Camille Solberg, and Amy Sabat is ready to facilitate the state prayer movement and to serve. We are available at stateprayer@ifapray.org or 800-USA-PRAY (872-7729).

Soon you'll be seeing new opportunities for action, plus state initiatives, events, and interaction with state leaders — all of it centered around praying for your state, for your local representatives, and for God's intervention on state-level issues! We believe we are entering the next 50 years of IFA history with a fresh mandate, and we are believing in faith for much answered prayer.

Our nation needs a spiritual turnaround. We have seen God move the huge mountain of *Roe v. Wade*. We anticipate God's moving mountains in each and every state! *"Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith"* (Matt. 21:21–22 ESV).

I am praying that you will join your IFA state community and connect via prayer calls with other intercessors in your state. You can use the authority you have in Jesus to occupy the land and speak into the spiritual climate of your state. I believe that we will see God do great things as we join together and pray for our states.

Find out everything you need to know at your state page through the Community tab on the IFA website, [IFApay.org](https://ifapray.org). **IFA**



It Is Time to Engage for Our Nation

BUNNI POUNDS, PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIANS ENGAGED



Our nation's founders gave us a gift we have a responsibility to protect. In four years, America will be 250 years old. At this pivotal moment in our history, Christians must engage.

When we intercessors follow the news, God prompts us to turn our burdens into prayer. The powerful ministry of IFA empowers this. Then we ask: How can we make an impact on this nation through action?

After 15 years as a political consultant and as a former congressional candidate, my mandate from the Lord is to find Christians and help them plug into habits of prayer, voting, and engagement.

In 2020 a small group of political professionals and activists started Christians Engaged (ChristiansEngaged.org). Our team is made up of experts in local, county, state, and federal government who have walked in those fields for years as believers in Jesus. We support the Church and connect the dots between prayer and our civic duties.

Our signature product for moving Christians to action is the On-Ramp for Civic Engagement seminar. We initially taught over 1,000 people in Texas and have now redesigned this seminar for a national focus. If you have a desire to become civically involved, your journey can begin with this course. We are so excited to partner with IFA to offer

you this class.

Taught in front of a live audience by six instructors, including U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud (Texas, 27th District), pictured left, and Texas State Rep. Matt Schaefer (6th District), this course will educate and inspire you to act for the well-being of America.

This video curriculum includes in-depth lectures, course outlines, notes, full slides, and discussion questions, for only \$29 per household. (This fee is paid directly to Christians Engaged, not IFA. Small group and church licenses are also available.) Sign up at IFApray.org/training.

- Learn about political involvement from a Christian perspective, including information about political parties, voting, elected officials, and advocacy at the state or national level.
- Learn about the history of the Bible in America, biblical illiteracy today, and how the Bible speaks to the issues of our day.
- Learn about protecting religious liberty, the "separation of church and state," and the Johnson Amendment.
- Learn about how to protect your heart as a Christian in politics.

It is time to turn the burden of your heart into action. Can you imagine what would happen if every intercessor took just one more step to impact America?

Lord, we come to You with burdens for our nation! Help us to see the issues as You see them and to use our time wisely, to get educated, and to move forward in hope and faith. We want to be Your hands and feet in this nation, so thank You for an on-ramp to finding our place of impact. IFA

First Friday Prayer

NEXT CALL IS FRIDAY

September 2

12:15 PM ET

CALL (667) 771-7910, CODE 2452#
WEBCAST IFApray.org/watch

Join with thousands across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens on the first Friday of every month.

PRAYER IN YOUR STATE

Pray that intercessors will rise up on behalf of their home states. Pray for state leaders to have humility and wisdom and to receive direction. Pray for godly elected officials and political candidates who will promote Christian values. Ask the Lord to continue to bless IFA's new state groups.

PRAYER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Pray for believers to be willing to take action and to be engaged in all levels of government, as the Lord calls. Thank God for His Word and for the guiding principles found in it. Ask the Lord to reveal how you can impact your community by action added to intercession.

BIBLES IN SCHOOLS

Ask God to open doors so that Bibles will be allowed in every state; ask Him to work in the hearts of administrators, teachers, and parents (1 Cor. 16:9). Pray that every U.S. public school student would have an opportunity and a desire to read the Bible.



Bibles in Schools

GLORIA ROBLES, IFA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Did you know that Bibles are back in public schools? Did you know that you can be a part of placing Bibles in public school libraries? Yes, we have every right to donate Christian literature to our schools.

Thanks to a ministry called Bibles in Schools, led by Hannah Sailsbury, 48 states and six countries have Bibles in public school libraries. Sailsbury recently appeared on an IFA webcast (Pray with America's Leaders) to share her remarkable story.

Sailsbury, a public school teacher, began walking the school halls and praying silently for the other teachers and the students. "I prayed for their salvation and that those who knew Jesus would be bold in their faith," Sailsbury said. "One day I prayed that Jesus' name would be spoken in the hallways and classrooms of my school. Jesus soon answered that prayer in bigger ways than I could have imagined."

She noticed that a boy in her reading group was reading an old Bible from the school library. He read to her from that Bible and said, "I want to learn more about God, heaven, and hell." Sailsbury then had this Holy Spirit-inspired thought: What if Bibles at the children's reading level were available in public school libraries? Bibles in Schools was birthed.

Bibles in Schools exists to place children's Bibles in public school libraries, so they are available for checkout by children. Through this ministry, the word of God is touching students, teachers, and even administrators and educators who review donated books before approving them.

After Sailsbury appeared on IFA's webcast, intercessors responded!



An 87-year-old woman in South Carolina bought 60 copies of *The Action Bible*. She contacted Bibles in Schools, wanting to know the process of getting these Bibles into her local schools. She set up meetings with local school librarians. One of the librarians was very excited, as the library had just thrown away very old, moldy Bibles. She wanted multiple copies of *The Action Bible*.

An IFA intercessor in South Dakota went directly to her school superintendent, who approved Bibles for the schools. A library in Illinois actually has a waiting list for Bibles!

IFA intercessor Lori read about Bibles in Schools at IFApray.org and got busy calling schools in her state, California. One of her friends is a school librarian and helped out. In fact, just before Lori contacted her, the school had received books promoting LGBTQ ideas to put in the library. The librarian was thrilled that she could put Bibles on the shelves as well. This school and four others received Bibles, thanks to Lori and Bibles in Schools.

Bibles in Schools has donated over 10,000 Bibles to more than 2,250 schools. To learn more about this wonderful ministry, visit Biblesinschools.org. IFA

TEAR-OFF

Lord, Put Prayer Back in the Schools

Father God, we are desperate for Your manifest presence in our schools.

So Father, we ask today in Jesus' name:

- That You would give every student and teacher the burden to pray in their schools.
- That students would stand up to lead prayer.
- That teachers would be examples in prayer, showing their students what praying men and women of God look like.
- That You would protect every teacher's right to pray and to express faith in You.
- That You would protect every student's rights to freedom of speech and religion.
- That lunchrooms, classrooms, gymnasiums, and athletic fields would become prayer rooms.

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Father God, we pray:

- That the sound of prayer would rise from our schools like incense — at the students' own volition.
- That You would pour out Your Spirit of grace and supplication on every person in the school systems — students and teachers alike — and that they would begin to pray to You without ceasing.
- That Christian clubs and support networks would arise and mobilize to witness for You in the schools.
- That godly churches would have a passion for evangelizing in the schools, and that doors would be open to them on every side.

Father God, in the name of Jesus, let revival burst forth in every school in America. We ask You to mobilize Your people by Your Spirit to pray for the schools and in the schools. And as You show us how to do this, please help us to yield to You and cooperate with You.

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ANSWERED PRAYER

Shooter Stopped

Debra and Mike Rudzik shared some specific answers to the prayers of the IFA Wisconsin state prayer group. The Highland Park, Ill., parade shooter, after killing and wounding people in that city near Chicago, then headed to Wisconsin with the intention of shooting up the parade in Madison. God had shown the Wisconsin intercessors to plead the blood of Jesus over every parade in Wisconsin, to pray for peace and safety, and to use their authority and bind any demonic spirits of destruction over all parades, believing and calling for angelic protection. According to news reports, the shooter for no apparent reason drove around Madison but then left and returned to Illinois, where he was apprehended (something they had also prayed for). "God is so faithful to answer our prayers," the Rudziks said. "This brings us much joy as we corporately decree His will and protection in our state. Hallelujah!"

Justices Protected from Harm

Several months ago, a young man traveled from California to Washington, D.C., with the aim of killing Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. At the last minute, while in front of Kavanaugh's home, the man called 911 and gave himself up. Reports now confirm that he had planned to kill three justices, not just one. God thwarted this evil plot.

Abortion Bans Spread Across the U.S.

Now that the Supreme Court has overturned *Roe v. Wade*, states are passing pro-life laws. Ten states now outlaw abortion, with virtually no exceptions. These laws will save lives—at least 100,000 per year according to most recent statistics.

Canadian Pastor Finally Wins
After his arrest, imprisonment, and long legal battle, Pastor Artur Pawlowski (who appeared on some IFA webcasts) has emerged victorious. The court vacated a ruling of contempt of court and ordered Alberta Health Services to pay Pawlowski and his brother thousands of dollars. Pawlowski calls the ruling a "total vindication."

Reprieve for Airmen

A District Court judge sided with Air Force soldiers seeking religious exemption from Covid vaccine requirements, preventing them from receiving unjust punishments. "This is a huge victory for many of my Air Force clients," said attorney R. Davis Younts.

Saving Aziz

IFA intercessors prayed fervently for webcast guest Chad Robichaux and his team, who saved thousands of U.S. allies after this country's pullout from Afghanistan. He recently published the powerful story you prayed through: *Saving Aziz: How the Mission to Help One Became a Calling to Rescue Thousands from the Taliban*.

Intercessors Take Action

On an IFA prayer call, Nancy Cammarota heard about the failure of legislation to remove children's LGBTQ books from libraries. Empowered to act, she checked out every book promoting LGBTQ on the shelves of her county libraries. Plus, Nancy reserved them. These inappropriate books will remain out of the reach of children for up to 30 weeks!

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