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God's Great Plan for the Church

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There is a common misperception in the faith community that in the final days, society will be utterly disintegrated, totally corrupt, and absolutely evil, and that the Antichrist will be ruling with unstoppable force.

Some imagine that, as in some low-budget zombie movie, there will be unrelenting darkness, war-torn cities with dilapidated buildings, and hordes of crazed humans and legions of demons controlling everything, while the faithful just hunker down in their bunkers, focused only on their safety.

Fortunately, that is *not* what the Bible teaches.

Yes, darkness and corruption will be part of the final days, as they have been part of *every* generation. But this is only a portion of the story. There is a powerful word of prophecy in the Bible that aptly describes what we can expect in the final days:

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you (Isaiah 60:1–5).

This passage describes how the power of God will come upon His people in such a glorious manner that entire nations will come to us because of what we have to offer. There is a coming grand finale of the work of believers that will be nothing like what we have seen in the past.

We will no longer take the back seat. We will no longer

be minimalized. We will no longer be persecuted. Our hearts will be filled with joy. We will receive excess riches from the nations.



Intercessors pray over national leader at IFA event

This will be a profound work of God in His Church. He invites us to participate in this wonderful work. As Derek Prince wrote in the book that inspired the founding of IFA, *Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting*, God's end-time purpose for the Church is restoration and completion, and the power for it comes from united prayer and fasting.

This is why I am inviting you to a strategic prayer summit and celebration for IFA's 50th anniversary, to help prepare men and women of faith for the coming mighty move of God. Celebrate with us all that God has already done, as we also look forward together to what He yet plans to do.

Scan the QR code on page 4 or visit IFA50.org for more information.

We really hope to see you there!



The Answer to America's Growing Darkness: YOU!

TERRI HASDORFF, PRESIDENT OF CAPITOL SOLUTIONS CONSULTING AND
AUTHOR OF *Running Into the Fire: Why More Christians Need to Be Involved in Politics*

As Americans, we tend to attack the fruit, not the roots, of what is happening in our country. Television is full of people speaking out with incredible frustration about the fruit of bad policy decisions and corrupt leaders. Often, it seems that dismal results and failures abound. But no one is talking about what is *really* causing these things.

To deal with the root causes of some of the issues we are facing, we must first seek to truly understand the problems and then stop supporting those things that are fueling those problems. What would our government look like if we only supported people who are truly called to politics and are properly trained?

We, as average citizens, need to invest more in our government on a regular and ongoing basis because if we don't, others who may not share our values will. Christians pray that God will raise up people who will lead us with biblical values, but what are we doing to support them and their staff while they are campaigning, or after they get into office?

Our investment can take many forms. First and foremost, start with prayer and direct involvement of your time, your money, and your influence. The only way to root out the corruption and rampant self-benefiting behavior of so many of our political leaders is for more people to enter the arena, people with a common goal of wanting to foster good government and good policy decisions. After all, this is a numbers game, and most of the honest people who are there to serve are quite often outnumbered. This may seem overwhelming to those who have tried to go it alone, but it is not so overwhelming if we approach it as a body — *the Body*.

Changing the Course of a Nation

Holding our government accountable and fighting for conservative values is desperately needed, but often, people who are not involved in politics fail to understand the critical role they play in helping to make that happen. Sometimes, the best way to support a public figure is to hold that public figure accountable. So often, those in elected leadership positions find it more and more challenging to take a hard stand. As they gain seniority and are appointed or elected to higher-level roles, their battles become more difficult, and complex things are often happening below the surface of a decision. It baffles many in the public when certain decisions are made, because the public has only limited information.

Many of us need to develop a less adversarial relationship with our leaders and instead find ways to support them. Perhaps it's time to quit complaining and just get to work!

Frequently, the only people providing information for those in decision-making positions in government are those who are paid to do so and who have very specific agendas that are almost always geared toward benefiting a company or a special interest. By getting more directly involved, average citizens can push back against this type of one-sided process and give lawmakers the chance to hear from all sides.

For more information, visit GODOVERGOVERNMENT.COM and look for Hasdorff on Pray with America's Leaders.

First 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.

GOD'S END-TIME PURPOSE

Pray for a renewal of fresh hope in the hearts of God's people as we continue watching and waiting for His deliverance. It will come. God's purposes are always for His glory and our very best, and His plans are never to harm us, but rather to prosper us, and to give us a future and a hope that will not fail. Love the light, and defy the darkness! Keep fighting! Keep praying! When the end does come, Christ wins!

GETTING GOOD GOVERNMENT

Let's lift up the government and the governed; the elected and the electorate; the politicians and the people — and let's entreat God to bless our land with justice, wisdom, and righteousness. Pray for a people willing to participate in good government. We don't seek any of this because we deserve it, for this nation has offended the King of kings and the Judge of all the earth. We ask this of God, knowing He is merciful and slow to anger, He does not wish to destroy, and if we will repent, He will relent.

GOD'S 40-DAY PLAN

Give thanks to God, for He is good! He has blessed Florida with 40 days of victory in that state's latest legislative session. Let's ask our Lord to bless us with 49 other victories just like that one — in the 49 other state legislatures of this land. Jesus promises that the Father will grant justice to His chosen ones who cry out to Him day and night — and that He will do so quickly. So, let us ask for that justice fervently and faithfully, so that when the Son of Man returns, He will find faith in the earth!



State Prayer Group Hits the Target

ALYSHA TOWNSEND, IFA FLORIDA STATE PRAYER CO-LEADER

The place of intercession can be a very lonely one, and hope deferred is among the biggest challenges we face as intercessors. We are often impatient to see prayers answered within *our* time frame.

IFA's Florida state prayer group gathers by phone weekly, joining our shields together as we stand upon the wall and tackle some big issues. Florida's legislative session began on March 7, 2023, and adjourned on May 5, 2023, with remarkable results.



Florida State Prayer Group with Dave and Kris Kubal

Jeff Childers, a Christian lawyer in Florida and a blogger with a legal and biblical perspective, posted this: "The eight-week session's phenomenal list of legislative gains is undeniably sensational. Nothing like it may have ever happened before. It is a unique and wonderful phenomenon" of successes for biblical values.

Every single one of the 37 laws Childers mentioned as victories had been prayed for by IFA Florida over the prior year! Childers went on to describe the outcome as follows: "It's even more impressive when you consider the legislators only had 40 workdays. How on earth did the Republican legislators manage

to stay focused and organized and haul all this controversial legislation across the finish line, making it look practically easy? The truth is, it's far from easy. Quite the opposite."

Florida prayer co-leader Anita Lynott noted the biblical significance of 40 workdays: The rain of Noah's flood fell for 40 days and nights; Moses was with the Lord, receiving the law, for 40 days and nights; Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights in the wilderness, and He remained with His disciples for 40 days and nights after His resurrection and before His ascension to heaven. The 40-day length of this legislative session, in which God's plan for our state was honored and put on display for all to see, is not a coincidence, but rather a confirmation and consequence of intercessors like you heeding the call to pray, fast, and seek God's face on behalf of the state.

While we have seen so many victories in Florida, intercessors in other states may feel they are in a dry and barren wasteland, waiting to see the mighty hand of God through a season of hope deferred. We must stand on the promises of God and be assured of His goodness.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer. 29:11).

Let Florida be a beacon, a city on a hill, reminding us all that there is now and there will always be *hope* in Christ alone. When we pray and seek His will on earth as it is in heaven, mountains *will* move.



IFA's 10 for America campaign is a grassroots sharable movement of inviting people to take the challenge to pray for America for 10 minutes daily.

1. Pray for the president and cabinet.

For wisdom, humility, and hearts softened toward God (Proverbs 9:10).

2. Pray for the Congress.

For honest dealings and humility among lawmakers, and that they would resist manipulation (Proverbs 29:25).

3. Pray for the Supreme Court.

That the justices would value the Ten Commandments and have the fear of the Lord (Psalm 19:7-11).

4. Pray for your governor.

For state actions protecting families, religious freedom, and biblical morality (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).

5. Pray for your state officials.

That they would seek God for solutions in your state and be willing to receive wise counsel (Proverbs 24:6).



6. **Pray for the protection of freedom.**

That we would be free to believe, worship, assemble, and speak as we choose (1 Peter 2:16).

7. **Pray for truth to flourish.**

That truth would be spoken from the highest office, media, classrooms, and churches (Psalm 34:13).

8. **Pray that children would be safe from harmful agendas and indoctrination.**

For innocence to be protected, and that they will not be subjected to radical harmful policies (Mark 9:37).

9. **Pray that our nation would be protected from external and internal threats.**

Uphold our military, police, intelligence, and leaders in prayer as they protect our nation and citizens (Proverbs 24:6).

10. **Pray that our nation would once again seek and honor God.**

That we as citizens would revere God and seek His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

10 for America is the perfect prayer evangelism tool for introducing people to praying for America. Being an “intercessor” may sound overwhelming to many, but taking on praying for America for just 10 minutes a day is doable!



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Answered Prayers

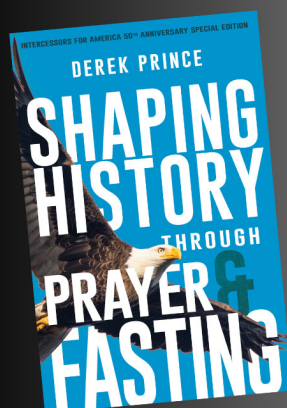
Americans Pray!

A new study reports some surprisingly positive trends on prayer. The average American prays twice a day. Some 84% of praying Americans report receiving answers to prayer. A majority of Americans pray: 61%. Many reasons for praying were cited, but 70% pray to connect with God. Intercession is part of the trend — more Americans pray about the illness of someone else rather than their own.

Millions Fast for Israel

Christian leaders around the world called upon believers to fast and pray for Israel during May 2023. Upwards of 5 million people and some 10,000 ministries participated. Judith posted this comment at IFApray.org: “Being a part of the Isaiah 62 Fast has truly deepened my love for the Lord’s Jewish people. 21 days of embracing and rejoicing in prayer and fasting for Israel and for Jewish brethren worldwide is an honor and privilege!”

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