



# IFA Volunteer Form

## Church Ambassador

We are so grateful you are willing to volunteer by helping mobilize prayer in your church or our nation. You are playing a vital role in restoring the godly heritage of our nation. **This form is for Church Ambassadors.**

**Church Ambassadors are a ministry of IFA national, and mobilizes prayer for the nation in churches.**

**A Church Ambassador will sign up to represent IFA to their church body, to fulfill the role of sharing prayer needs for the nation with their local body of Christ.**

**Church Ambassadors sign up with IFA, list their full contact information, church affiliation, pastor name, and church location, and upon completion of the volunteer agreement and training, Church Ambassadors will:**

- With pastor's awareness, sign on to represent IFA at your church.
- Receive regular prayer points for the nation from IFA via email and share with the CA's church body.
- Facilitate an IFA prayer group for the nation at your church body once a month.
- Provide IFA prayer resources with the church body.
- Help inform the church body of important dates, initiatives, and events for governmental prayer.
- Join monthly Zoom briefings with other Church Ambassadors across the nation.

I enthusiastically agree to operate in this role and agree with IFA's Statement of Faith, Vision, Mission, Values, and Personal Code of Conduct along with adhering to the following:

-All prayer meetings conducted will be in line with the values and principles of Intercessors for America.

-Participants of the prayer meetings are participating in an IFA event led by an IFA volunteer.

-Church Ambassadors are not employees of Intercessors for America and are not a legal agent of IFA.

-Church Ambassadors are not authorized to enter into an agreement or binding contract with anyone on behalf of Intercessors for America.

-Church Ambassadors will work under the direction, accountability, and authority of Intercessors for America. In addition, Church Ambassadors, as with all IFA volunteers and paid staff, have a code of conduct to behave in a manner consistent with the the mission of IFA as an organization, and the message, mission, and character of Jesus Christ.

-Church Ambassadors must comply with all copyright laws in their representation of IFA.

### **IFA Church Ambassadors have the following biblical principles at its foundation:**

- We believe that God has called intercessors to intercede for their local and state officials.
- We believe that God has given spiritual authority to those whose feet are on its ground, and that we have the calling and responsibility to intercede locally and a role that we are uniquely qualified to do.
- We believe that relationships are key to ministry. Representing IFA well with respect and honor within the church is important. IFA Church Ambassadors are there to be a resource to the church's pastors and staff.
- We believe that prayer is the supernatural element that can breathes energy and life to godly legislation, as evidenced in history. Legislation and leadership alone will not bring lasting change to our nation, but prayer-infused policy and leadership will bring heart change and exponential impact. IFA's role is to bring this needed layer of prayer to the governmental realm.
- We believe that we can change the course of our nation and states through the combination of sharing the truth, regular spirit-led prayer, and action involvement.
- We believe that IFA has a calling for governmental intercession, and that it is enough to walk in the boundaries of IFA's ministry for those who are called.

## **IFA Employee and Volunteer Conduct**

Employees and volunteers representing IFA shall behave on and off the job in a manner consistent with the mission of IFA as an organization and shall demonstrate the message, mission, and character of Jesus Christ.

Employees and volunteers representing IFA are expected to abide by the below code of conduct.

Recognizing the importance of the work of Intercessors for America (IFA), IFA has adopted the following code of conduct to prevent distraction from its mission and wholeheartedly honor God in the pursuit of our mission which is to inform, connect, and mobilize a growing community of people praying for the nation.

Recognizing the Bible as the standard by which we must evaluate all beliefs, instruction, policies and practices, the IFA has adopted the following Code of Conduct:

- A. I will conduct my personal life, corporate ministry, and business affairs in a way that will not bring shame or reproach to the name of the Lord or the work of the IFA. Instead, I will live out my life consistent with the IFA Statement of Faith and the Bible.
- B. I will speak to bring glory and pleasure to our Lord and encourage others to do likewise. (1 Peter 1:14-16, 2:12, 4:11)
- C. I will speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:1-16)
- D. When I believe a fellow IFA employee/volunteer has sinned against me or the Lord, or has violated this Code of Conduct, I will follow the principles and procedures set forth in God's Word and in these Bylaws. (Matthew 18:15-17)
- E. I will honor my obligations to my family, neighbors, community, government, and those I serve. (Romans 3:7-8)
- F. In accordance with the IFA Statement of Faith, I will honor God through my actions and will refrain from engaging in or encouraging any sexual conduct inconsistent with IFA's Statement of Faith and Holy Scripture, that is, I will reserve sexual activity exclusively for marriage between one man and one woman. (Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Exodus 20:14; 1 Corinthians 7:1-2; Ephesians 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:4)

## POLITICAL STATEMENT AND EDITORIAL POLICY

### **IFA Guidelines for Political Engagement**

The Board of Directors has adopted guidelines to help us stay focused in ways that align with our organizational purpose. While topics we address may also be areas of political focus, our desire is to underscore biblical positions, not political positions. Our mission is to inform, mobilize, and connect a growing community of people praying for our nation. Following are dos and don'ts that help define our intended path:

- IFA always looks to prayer as our first and primary response to any issue. Our actions always stem from our faith in God with our conviction that “faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26)
- IFA encourages people to put feet to their prayers by prayer walking and other prayer activities. Prayer is never to become secondary.
- IFA perceives prayer as a powerful strategic weapon, not a passive response; we believe prayer to be a highly leveraged means whereby God involves us to disable major spiritual strongholds.
- IFA works to stay on the offensive, inviting the prevailing power and authority of the Holy Spirit to drive systemic change, rather than merely react through defensive human measures.
- IFA provides biblical insight to engage prayer for social and political issues, calling forth results that align with Scripture - such as consistently valuing and speaking up for the life of the unborn.
- IFA strives to see that our interaction with political leaders is always done with grace, patience, and understanding, emphasizing to them that our organizational mission is prayer.
- IFA reaches out to believers of different political affiliations with the goal of unifying through our bond in Christ and our desire to understand, embrace, and apply biblical principles.
- IFA points to and learns from those who have effectively engaged prayer, looking to those who have fostered and utilized prayer to birth awakenings and impact entire nations for good.
- IFA provides intercessors with current news and relates it to God's will so they may effectively:
  - Pray “Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven” (Matthew 6:10)
  - Pray that the government on earth will align with biblical principles
  - Pray to bind the forces of evil and defeat ungodly influences
  - Pray to discern who the leaders are who know and follow God's will
  - Pray that those advancing unrighteousness be replaced with those seeking righteousness
  - Pray that righteousness be promoted in political platforms, policies, and programs
  - Pray to encourage Christians to personally seek elective office, become informed to effectively influence public policy, and support candidates who uphold biblical principles
- IFA is not and will never become connected with a candidate or campaign for political office.
- IFA does not and will never adopt themes or slogans of political parties or politicians.
- IFA does not and will never conflate the actions of individuals as those formally taken by IFA, ensuring the protection of individual liberties by keeping them clearly distinct from those of IFA.
- IFA will never move away from God's leading by taking matters into its own hands; we believe prayer requires perseverance with the assurance that God is at work even when we do not see it.
- IFA will never become so absorbed with the political process that we forget our calling as intercessors; we rest in the confidence that as we lift things to the Lord, He will answer.

# Intercessors for America Statement of Faith

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Vision Statement

To see God's purposes for America fulfilled through sustained prayer and Spirit-led obedience

CONCERNING THE PICTURE OF THE FUTURE, WE BELIEVE:

God creates nations and tears them down. (Dan. 2:21)

God's heart for nations is to bless them. (Ps. 33:12)

God holds nations accountable for their collective actions. (Mic. 5:15)

Leaders of nations are subject to God's will. (Prov. 21:1)

Solutions to nations' problems are spiritual, and rest in the hands of the Church beginning with prayer and an utter dependence upon God's power. (2 Chron. 7:14)

God gives us the authority to affect the course of nations. (Acts 17:26)

We must pray for God-fearing leaders (Exod. 18) and that godly government is the result of an effective Church. (1 Tim 2:1-3)

The mandate of the Lord's Prayer, ". . . your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven . . .," is the purpose of God for the government. (Matt. 6:10)

We can expect results from prayers. (1 John 5:14)

Fasting takes our prayers to another level. (Matt. 6:16-18)

The highest form of government is a constitutional republic led by God-fearing leaders placed in power by a moral society led by an effective Church.

We are expendable only existing to encourage the Church while understanding that someday our organization will no longer be needed. (Mark 11:17)

## **Mission Statement**

Inform, connect, and mobilize a growing community of people praying for the nation.

CONCERNING THE MANNER IN WHICH WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE VISION, WE BELIEVE:

God specifically calls some to a ministry that focuses on praying for the nation, while requiring all at some level to pray for leaders.

Effective intercession requires a prophetic perspective, hearing the voice of the Lord through the leading of the Holy Spirit, coupled with vetted, strategic information, never presented in a sensational manner.

There is an enemy of our souls and our nation that orchestrates a coordinated battle plan that is discernable and beatable with spiritual weapons. (2 Cor. 10:3-6)

Passion and boldness for prayer is stoked by collective times of prayer, praying as if the course and destiny of America hangs in the balance.

We constantly need to be seeking God's perspective and interests for our nation: what is good, what is bad, and what He cares about most.

Collective fasting on the first Friday of every month is the single most unifying action the community does together.

The Body of Christ has many expressions, and while embracing a charismatic expression, we desire to fellowship with all who hold to orthodox, scriptural Christianity. (Rom. 12:18)

In the midst of building community, God is looking for those who will stand in the gap and intercede on behalf of the land. ( 22:30)

## **Values**

Prayerful, Truthful, Generous, Hopeful, and Relational

WE WILL BE KNOWN AS:

### **Prayerful**

Spread the passion that God releases His power through prayer

Believe in the power and importance of prayer that is Spirit-inspired and based on Scripture

Be watchful and discerning in prayer with a sense of urgency and desperation

Be a team who prays in faith

**Truthful**

Provide spiritual truth to the world

Vet carefully and produce with excellence all our resources

Express integrity and effective stewardship in all we do

**Generous**

Have a humble spirit in our interactions with others without promoting ourselves

Share our resources with whomever requests them

Rejoice in being servants with an outward focus in support of the local church

**Hopeful**

Convey the great Hope that Jesus freely offers

Champion God's perspective and His desires for our nation

Encourage others through prophetic perspective and strategic insight

Build faith with all with whom we come in contact

**Relational**

Build community among intercessors to foster more intercession

Create an environment among intercessors that inspires and encourages them

Value healthy relationships as foundational to our ministry

*Personal Code of Conduct from the IFA Employee Manual*