

INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA PRAYER LETTER

CONNECTING HEARTS OF PRAYER FOR
THE NATION TO GOD AND EACH OTHER!

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LIFE'S BLESSINGS

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Isn't it far too easy to focus on life's challenges rather than life's blessings? Unlike our 19th Century forebears, who would have heard little news from across the nation and globe in their entire lives, we're constantly bombarded by far too much information and negative news. Add to these stressors or frenetic lifestyles and it's no surprise that so many of us are weary and heavy laden. No wonder that fear, worry and anxiety abound! Is there a solution? Indeed there is!

Paul tells us to, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). What a great idea! Rather than seeing life

as a half empty cup, you should praise God for a half full cup of blessing! Let's follow President George Washington's advice: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, and to obey His will and

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be grateful for His benefits." Are you giving thanks to God daily, or even hourly?

As the Thanksgiving holiday nears, we certainly have much for

which to thank God.

I hope you will see the benefit of giving thanks in all circumstances every day of the year. After all, this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Thankfulness is such a critical aspect of our intercession and an expression of our reliance on our Almighty God. A thankful heart releases us from the constant barrage of negative news and the depressing reality that life brings.

Psalms 100:4 says, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name." This is to be our beginning posture. We must begin our intercession by thanking

God for all that He does for us, and then moving into praising Him for the character trait that propels Him to act this way.

As you go about this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to challenge all those around you to move beyond the negativity of the day, enter into thanksgiving for God's provision, and move into praise for His character.

—David Kubal, President and CEO of Intercessors for America



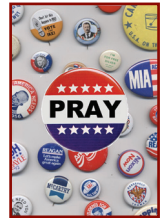
FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

NOVEMBER 4

On the first Friday of the month we encourage all to fast and pray for our nation.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Intercede that moral, God-fearing, pro-life, and pro-family candidates be selected, and find favor in local, state, and national campaigns. Pray that the Lord reveal His choices, expose corruption, immorality, bribery, hidden agendas. Intercede that truth be revealed in the presidential primaries.



STATE CONSTITUTIONS

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 32:12). Offer thanksgiving for the deliberate recognition of, and the references to, the Creator God of the Bible in each of our 50 state constitutions. Intercede for the upholding of these constitutions and public recognition of God by all state Supreme Courts and by the U.S. Supreme Court.

MIDDLE EAST POLICY

Intercede for spiritual statesmen and for adherence to biblical revelation and principles in the formulation and execution of foreign policy.



Pray for the revelation of Jesus as Messiah. Intercede that wisdom, adequate intelligence, strategy and tactical direction be granted to all involved in foreign service, and policy, especially regarding Israel and the Middle East.

THANKSGIVING

"In everything give thanks..." (1 Thess 5:18). An attitude of ingratitude and thanklessness is prevalent in the Church and across the nation. This sin of omission is crippling the faith and prayer life of many. Offer prayers of repentance and pray for a more genuine and sincere national Thanksgiving observance.



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THIS MONTH ONLY: We are sending a two page prayer letter focusing upon thanksgiving along with our Fall appeal letter.

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



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ANSWERED PRAYERS

TERROR PLOTS UNVEILED

Thank God for the exposure of terror plots in the United States, and for those who prevented and unveiled these attacks. Terrorists include Naser Abdo, the would-be second Fort Hood jihad mass murderer; and Khalid Aldawsari, the would-be jihad mass murderer in Lubbock, Texas; and Muhammad Hussain, the would-be jihad bomber in Baltimore; and Mohamed Mohamad, the would-be jihad bomber in Portland; and Faisal Shahzad, the would-be Times Square jihad mass-murderer; and Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, the Arkansas military recruiting station jihad murderer; and Mohammed Reza Taheri-Azar, the would-be jihad mass murderer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Ahmed Ferhani and Mohamed Mamdouh, who hatched a jihad plot to blow up a Manhattan synagogue; and Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the would-be Christmas airplane jihad bomber. (NRO 9/30/11)



KOREANS PRAY FOR ISRAEL & U.S.

Thousands of Korean Christians celebrated Israel in front of Seoul City Hall, prompting David Nekrutman, Executive Director of the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation, to respond, "People like you ... have shown me a world where Christians are indeed 'Watchmen on the Wall.'" Those who attended the event at Seoul City Hall have agreed to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and that Israel's capital will not be divided. This is the first time Korean Christians have demonstrated their support for Israel at an official government site in the nation's capital. Meanwhile, Rev. Eric Foley, co-founder of Seoul USA and expert on North Korean underground Christianity, reports that there are also persecuted Christians in the north who are praying for America. When he asked North Koreans why they have a burden to pray for the U.S., they said, "Because you American Christians put so much confidence in your wealth and freedom that you don't fully know what it's like to be able to trust only in God." (CNW 9/11)



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ABORTION CLINICS CLOSE

Two abortion facilities in Pensacola, Florida and Forest Grove, Oregon have closed their doors, according to pro-life volunteers in both states. The clinics were places where peaceful 40 Days for Life prayer vigils were conducted outside in the public right-of-way. "This, to me, is proof that prayer works," said Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life campaign director. In four years, the prayer outreach group has seen 16 abortion centers closed and 53 abortion industry employees leave their jobs following campaigns of prayer and fasting. 40 Days for Life is completing its largest campaign to date on Sunday, November 6. www.40daysforlife.com (CNW 9/11)

NBC CANCELS PLAYBOY TV SERIES

After receiving more than 20,000 emails protesting *The Playboy Club* on NBC, key NBC advertisers left the show and the series was cancelled after only three episodes. (CNW 10-11)

DRONES TRANSFORM WARFARE

The U.S. campaign against terrorism is at a turning point—marked by the C.I.A. drone strike that killed Anwar al-Awlaki, the American-born Al-Qaeda leader working in Yemen, and preceded by the small-scale lightning raid that killed Osama bin Laden in May. American officials describe the use of drones as a cheap, safe, and precise tool to remove enemies, causing fewer accidental deaths and producing fewer refugees than ground combat and traditional airstrikes. This change is also a reflection of a tighter budget as officials are reluctant to deploy large forces overseas at an annual cost of roughly \$1 billion per soldier. Advances in technology enabled a drone to track Mr. Awlaki in places where it is too dangerous for American troops to go. The Air Force estimates that it costs \$5 billion to run the service's global airborne surveillance network, and the Pentagon has asked for another \$5 billion in 2012 for drone systems. The Pentagon has 7,000 aerial drones, compared to 50 a decade ago. The Air Force expects a slight decrease in manned aircraft while the number of "multirole" aerial drones like the Reaper (capable of spying and striking) is predicted to quadruple. By 2030, the military anticipates hordes of "spy flies" equipped with sensors and microcameras to detect enemies, nuclear weapons and victims buried in debris. (NYT 10/1/11)



DEAD SEA SCROLLS NOW ONLINE!

The Dead Sea Scrolls are now available online, thanks to collaboration between the Israel Museum and Google. After six months of ultra-high resolution digital photography, the museum created a new website—dss.collections.imj.org.il—where viewers can scroll through detailed sections of the five complete scrolls, conduct word searches, and study an English translation. More than a million people visited the website within the first week of release. With a resolution almost 200 times more than a standard camera, the digital images present internet viewers with a screen that reveals not only text, but also details invisible to the naked eye. So far, the photographed scrolls include the Great Isaiah Scroll; the War Scroll, (describing the End of Days); the Temple Scroll; the Community Rule Scroll; and the Commentary of Habakkuk Scroll with interpretations of Habakkuk 1-2. (H 10/3/11)



GROUNDBREAKING GAY STUDY

For years, the Public Affairs website of the American Psychological Association (APA) stated that therapy cannot change sexual orientation, and that homosexuality does not require treatment and is not changeable. However, a new study by psychologists Stanton L. Jones of Wheaton College (IL) and Mark A. Yarhouse of Regent University has broken new ground in the world of psychotherapy and counseling, presenting results that challenge the professional consensus that "potential risks of reparative therapy are great, including depression, anxiety and self-destructive behavior." Instead, their results prove that gradual change is possible for some, and that the attempt to change sexual orientation is not inherently harmful. The study also indicates that it would be premature for professional mental health organizations to dismiss efforts to change unwanted same-sex attractions. Former President of the American Psychological Association, Nicholas A. Cummings, Ph.D. and Sc.D., has endorsed the study and discussed the findings at an APA annual convention. (EGS 9/11)

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