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(1 Samuel 2:3, 8). The mother of one of Israel’s greatest judges clearly understood that it is God who determines what is right and wrong.

Surrounded by a pluralistic society based heavily on tolerance, let’s intercede that solid, godly standards would be reestablished. Tolerance and apathy have left our nation with differing standards, resulting in economic chaos and relational tension. Paul wrote about this type of predicament in his letter to the Corinthians: “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). As he worked to build the Church, he understood that the Son of God, the final King of Israel, is the author of standards that existed before humankind.

As we focus our prayers this month, let’s pray that our Foundation, Jesus Christ, would be recognized. May His weights and measures, and His divine judgment, be our frame of reference and our standard for coherence.

—David Kubal is President and CEO of Intercessors for America.

The Lord is calling America to awaken from slumber.

Pray that the course of our nation will move towards God’s will and desire.

“If the Church languishes, the State cannot be in health; and if the State rebels against its Lord and King, the Church cannot enjoy His favor. If the Holy Spirit is withdrawn from the Church, He is not present in the State; and if He, the only ‘Lord, the Giver of Life,’ be absent, then all order is impossible, and the elements of society lapse backward to primeval night and chaos ... I charge you, citizens of the United States, afloat on your wide sea of politics, there is another King, one Jesus: the safety of the State can be secured only in the way of humble and whole-souled loyalty to His person and of obedience to His law.” —A.A. Hodge (1823-1886)



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SETTING THE STANDARD

BY DAVID KUBAL

John Quincy Adams wrote that standards “may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society ... the knowledge of them ... is among the first elements of education.”

In our newly formed country, various colonies began with different standards of weights and measures. Imagine the economic chaos and strained business relationships in a nation where a yard was never guaranteed to be the same length! It wasn’t until 1832 that we set a standard of measurement for the first time.

Our founders understood the necessity of setting standards on moral issues as well. James Madison wrote, “We’ve staked our future on our ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all of our heart.” On another occasion he wrote, “It is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity toward each other.”

Standards are critical, whether in commerce or in relationships. We see this theme throughout Scripture. Hannah understood this as she prayed during her dedication of Samuel, “For the Lord is a God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed ... for the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, and He has set the world upon them”

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*“He is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.”
—Acts 4:11 NIV*

JUNE 2011 PRAYER FOCUS

Sunday, June 5, 2011

SUMMER OUTREACH – Pray for the salvation of the children attending summer Christian day care, camps, and other evangelistic outreaches in your area.

Sunday, June 12, 2011

CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS – Pray that our nation’s foundational truths, freedoms and structure be sustained, defended and strengthened. Pray that God will change the heart and mind, or remove from office and influence, all who would pervert or destroy our historic Constitutional freedoms.

Sunday, June 19, 2011

FATHER’S DAY – Offer thanksgiving for the grandfathers and fathers in your church and area. Lift up both married and single fathers, praying that the Lord bless, grant wisdom, encourages, strengthens, and meets all of their needs. Pray for salvation and a greater release and understanding of the spiritual fatherhood of God and a strengthening of natural fatherhood in your community.

Sunday, June 26, 2011

SUMMER MISSIONS – Pray for the many young men and women who have responded to the Lord’s call and will be participating in short-term missions this summer. Ask that they be spiritually and physically protected, kept in good health, financially provided for, and granted discernment and anointing in their outreach work.