

# INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA

## PRAYER LETTER

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### Learning the Language of Prayer

Lynn Hallimore

As I slid between my flowered sheets I knew I should pray, but words didn't come. For the past several months, I had tried to intercede for others or pray for world events. Yet every time, my thoughts had jammed like a stuck zipper.

I wanted to pray that day at the medical office where I worked when I learned Mr. Royal, one of my favorite patients, had died. I felt the loss keenly, yet I couldn't seem to translate it into coherent prayer.

The next morning, I managed to say, "Father, I'll keep trying until I find a way to pray. Help me." Later that week my writers' critique group gathered at my house. We talked nonstop until Carolyn reminded us, "Hey guys, I have to go to work tomorrow. We'd better call it a night."

After my friends had gone, I gathered up napkins and brushed cookie crumbs off the couch. Unsettling questions entered my thoughts. "How can I talk nonstop to my friends, yet find it so hard to say a few sentences to my Father? Will I ever get past this?"

Suddenly, I remembered someone recommending a book of powerful and moving prayers all found throughout the Bible. At our local Christian bookstore I purchased "All the Prayers of the Bible" by Herbert Lockyer. I couldn't drive home fast enough. I sensed God had answered my one-sentence prayer for His help. Poring over the pages, I discovered the Bible contains 650 prayers—not including Psalms!

I grabbed a well-used journal and wrote down prayers to meditate on later. Favorite prayers like 2 Chronicles 1 4:11: "Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on You." This helped my prayers take on new meaning. For instance, the time gap between my missionary friend's quarterly letters made me feel unable to effectively pray for her needs. But Roman 15:13 helped guide me beyond my usual "God bless Berta" mode. Reflecting on the passage, my prayers for her became stronger and more specific: "Father God, may Your hope fill Berta with all joy and peace as she trusts in you, so that she may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

When a friend had marriage problems, I could pray for her without knowing the gossipy details. I paraphrased Philippians 1:3-9: "God, I thank You for the partnership I share with (Martha). Thank you for the bond we have through Jesus. May (Martha's) love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight. Increase her godly influence in her home and neighborhood. Help her to discern what is best. Help her to develop her priorities. Keep her pure and blameless until the day of Christ."

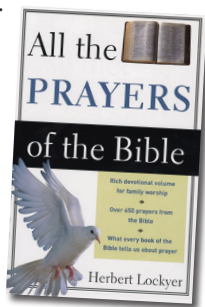
After claiming the Bible's prayers as my own, I learned to incorporate other Scripture in my prayers as well. First Thessalonians 4:11-12 taught me how to pray for my preteen daughter's spiritual growth. "Father, help Jessica with her secret ambitions. Help her to see the importance of a quiet life. Help her to mind her own business, to work with her hands in a way that will win the respect of those outside of Christ. Help her not to be dependent on anyone other than You."

God's Word helped me to reclaim my lost vocabulary in a short amount of time.

One Sunday, we arrived to find that the five-year-old-daughter of church members had died in an accident. The entire church grieved. During the worship service the pastor said, "Let's kneel before God and lay our sorrow before Him." Families knelt side-by-side in prayer. As God's Spirit gently stirred among us that morning, I had never felt more alert to the power of prayer. Heartfelt words began to flow as I prayed for a family I didn't even know: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the same comfort we ourselves have received from God." (2 Cor 1:3-4)

I know I will sometimes need to discipline my wandering thoughts. But, with the Holy Spirit's help, I won't be at a loss for words.

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#### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

June 4

#### OBAMA ADMINISTRATION 11TH CONGRESS

Affirm the supremacy of Christ over the Obama Administration and the second session of the 111th Congress, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon and military, all diplomats and U.S. embassies and consulates, and the 2.5 million federal workers. (Col 1:12-19, 2:15) Earnestly intercede for "all in authority." (Use the "Top 130 Officials" bookmark enclosed with your May Prayer Letter, or download it from "Resources" at [www.ifapray.org](http://www.ifapray.org).) Intercede for exposure and a cleansing from corruption, bribery, and paganism, the occult and unconstitutional governance in the federal government. Intercede that the Lord will restore moral, constitutional leadership, and raise up "bands of believers" in the White House, Congress, and the Supreme Court who will engage in corporate prayer and fasting. Intercede as the Lord leads for matters in the White House, Congress, and the Supreme Court. (Ps 94:20, 21)

#### BIBLICAL TRUTH / WORLDVIEW

Affirm the finished work of Christ, His eternal kingly reign, and the inspired and unchanging Word of God. (Ps 2:6-11; Ps 119:89, Eph 1:10-11; 2 Tim 3:16; Jn 1:1; Rev 1:5) Intercede that seminary professors, pastors and church leaders return to the study and teaching of scripture, sound doctrine, and a biblical worldview. Intercede for the Holy Spirit to inspire pastors, teachers, and believers as they study the Bible to see how it applies to all of life, industry, law, and government. Intercede for the Holy Spirit to inspire and instruct you and all believers in your area, state, and the nation to incorporate more of the Word of God in daily prayer, declaration, and intercession. (See Page 3)

#### GRADUATING YOUTH

Offer thanksgiving for a continuing move of God among the youth of America. Lift up young people graduating from elementary schools, and all the young adults graduating from high schools, colleges, and universities. In obedience to Jesus' prayer command in Luke 10:2, intercede that He, the Lord of the harvest, send out more laborers into these youth "fields." Intercede for youth pastors, youth leaders, and evangelists to youth. Intercede that graduating youth come to know and follow Christ. (Eph 2:10)

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# Sorrow Must Not Stop Us

David Kubal

**“Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”  
—Luke 22:46 NIV**

Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting of the Last Supper pictures a serene setting with the apostles relaxing and enjoying a meal with Jesus. In reality, the Lord’s final meal with His disciples was a very serious and disturbing event! At the beginning of the Passover Seder as Jesus institutes the “Lord’s Supper,” He declares that He will never observe the Passover again. He sobers the scene even more when He states that He will no longer “drink of the fruit of the vine.” The disciples’ dreams and visions of reigning with power and prestige were dashed. Jesus announced that He was no longer going to be around.

Jesus’ disciples had invested so much! In just minutes, the picture of their glorious future was destroyed.

Their comfort with Christ and the celebrity they had been enjoying was about to come to an end as well. Jesus flat-out declared: “. . . Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you. . . that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” (Luke 22:31-32 NIV) This verse actually refers to *all* of the disciples because of the plural tense of the word “you.” Jesus assures them that when they “turn back,” they will strengthen the rest of the believers. The phrase, “turn back,” hung as an ominous cloud over the dinner party. It obviously predicted something very disturbing that they would need to turn back from.

The disciples were confused and were forced to question all that they believed concerning the Kingdom of God coming to Israel. Exactly how all would play out was disturbing to Jesus too. Immediately after the covenant meal, they walked a mile or so to the nearby Mount of Olives to pray. Jesus was in such anguish “that His sweat was like drops of blood.” The Father even dispatched an angel to minister and strengthen His Son who was in agony and pain.

Jesus finished praying and returned to His disciples who were supposed to be on watch with Him and praying. He found them all asleep. What is remarkable is the reason given as to why they were asleep. Only Luke comments on this and tells us that they were “exhausted from sorrow.” (Luke 22:45 NIV)

If Jesus ever needed supportive intercessors, it was at the time just prior to His Crucifixion. But those that He counted on to hold Him up in prayer proved non-reliable because they were “exhausted from sorrow.” The powerful coming Kingdom was unsure and their hopes for a glorious future had been fractured. They were so filled with sorrow that they just slept instead of praying.

Fellow intercessors, this is a lesson *we* must learn. **We must not let sorrow stop us from interceding.** It is easy to view God’s destiny for this nation as in jeopardy, but we cannot allow this to produce sorrow that stops us from praying. Even if the Church wavers in faith and in believing that God’s Kingdom has the power to overcome the evils of today, we absolutely must not permit this to produce a gripping sorrow that stops us from continuing in watchful and earnest intercession.

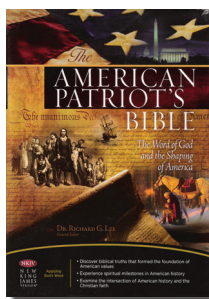
We don’t know what Satan might have asked permission from the Father to do to this country (Job 1:6-12), but we do know that Christ our Chief Intercessor is continuing to intercede on our behalf day and night. (Hebrews 7:25) We need to join Him so that when He returns, He finds us praying and not asleep with sorrow. Let us faithfully watch unto prayer—and when the Church and our nation *do* turn back, we must endeavor, as it says in Luke, to strengthen the rest of our fellow believers across the world.

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“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds...”

—2 Corinthians 10:4

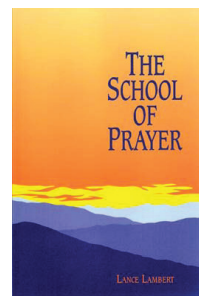
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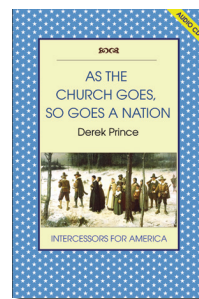
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# Administrating Christ's Victory for Cities and Nations

Ted Sandquist

There are three elemental things that govern the victory of Christ and His kingdom in time and space. They are eternal things which must be brought to their completion—their full impact so to speak—in the created world for the victory which has been won in the incarnation, atoning sacrifice, resurrection, and ascension of Christ to be finished; then the end will come.

In Psalm 110, the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament, David portrays redemptive history revolving around the ascended Christ enthroned as Lord while those who are His subjects, the citizens of Zion, move into the world at large to administratively bring it under His dominion. So David writes, "The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.' The Lord will extend Your mighty scepter from Zion; You will rule in the midst of Your enemies. Your [people] troops will be willing on the day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn You shall receive the dew of Your youth [followers with the strength of youth]."

Here the picture of the throne of God is central to all of history, and the Christ of God is the central ruling factor of history. Here He is ruling through His ready and willing regiments of warrior/servant/governors until the war for the ascendancy of rule in this world is completed.

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From a heavenly standpoint, all of the created order is within this great King's courts, and every aspect is being brought under His government by the process of being placed under His footstool. Heaven is Christ's throne room and the earth is His foot-stool. (Is 66:1a) In the end, all of Christ's enemies—all other dominions, all other authorities, all other powers will be brought under His feet in this sense: the victor is the one who puts his foot on the head/neck of the vanquished foe. Through this act the victor makes peace; and, of course, we are talking about Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

This is the war we are in today. Every passage of scripture that alludes to war in any way is referring to this war in some way.

Every war is fought in an arena and with specific weapons. These two things more than any others (besides the opponents themselves) define the strategy, the tactics, and ultimately the victory of every conflict. The arena of this war at this time is this created world in which we live.

The weapons of our adversary are accusation, deception, theft, and destruction. He is a formidable foe to those who do not see him and/or the

"Then the end will come, when He hands over the Kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power: For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet"

—1 Corinthians 15:24, 25

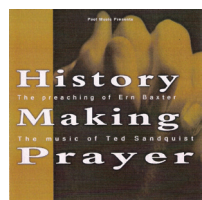
weapons he wields in the light of reality. He has millennia of experience and thus much practice in his war craft. He would have no power were he unable to steal it, and no strength were it not for those under his sway. His ends are always destruction, and that is what his own final state shall be, praise God!

The first of the three elements that govern Christ's victory is what I will call **the power of redemption**. I use the word element here to communicate something as fundamental to the order of things in this war as the elements are to the created order. Redemption is in the nature of God Himself and as such has been sown into the creation. Redemption was written into the plan for His creation as well as placed into that part of creation that was uniquely made in His image—man. I use the word "power" in my choice of terms to communicate the truth that God has not only accomplished redemption in Christ, but He is also providing it to His troops as a weapon of power in the war. It was so in the Old Covenant and is even more powerfully so in the New Covenant.

Satan's weapons—accusation, deception, theft, and destruction—are the best he could come up with as a created being who has deserted his appointed place in the order of God. His weapons have power only in darkness and against fallenness. God's weapons are of His own eternal nature. They are powerful to the pulling down of strongholds, the overcoming of gates, and the liberation of captives. These elemental, governing factors when taken up as weapons for victory in this war are to the enemy's sorry weaponry as atomic weapons to conventional weapons. There is no comparison in the arena of power.

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The second atomic weapon in our arsenal is what I call **the power of declaration**. The elemental substance here is the Word of God. Nothing can stand up to the Word of God. Once sown it will never return void. It will accomplish that for which it was sent. What makes the Word of God a weapon in any given battle is its use by those engaged in the war. It was made to be spoken in faith by the faithful in the face of confrontations of all sorts, just as Jesus did in the record we have in the fourth chapter of Matthew. Jesus was tempted in the arenas of the personal, the household of God, and the nations of the earth. His response was, "It is written ..." in each and every arena. The power is in what we declare and the dynamic of the spoken Word in faith. Each generation has territory to take back and the appropriate Word with which to do it.

The third weapon of which I speak is **the power of dedication**. By this time many of you are already relating these weapons to the passage

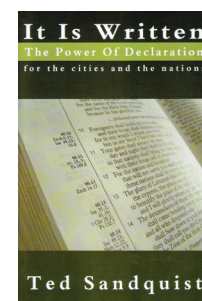
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from Revelation 12 where it is revealed that "they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Those who love someone and something (his person, his rule, his victory, his ways) more than their own temporal existence have power—the power of dedication. This power is the power of the martyrs, but it is not limited to them. This is the power of the Spirit working in the wills of the people of God who are so connected to their Source that they see through to the eternities in the midst of the battle. This enables them to make self-sacrificing choices in the right time and at the right place. These people do not live for themselves, nor do they live by their own power. They do not create the power of dedication: they live in it just as they live in the Spirit.

—The above was excerpted with permission from "It is Written..." by Ted Sandquist. More teaching and worship resources are available from Go, Work, Intercede at [www.gwionline.org](http://www.gwionline.org).



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## STATES BATTLE TO RESTRICT ABORTION

★ OKLAHOMA CITY – Several states have recently passed new legislation to restrict abortions. Oklahoma passed a law requiring women seeking an abortion to have an ultrasound with the monitor in their view and hear a detailed description of the baby. The governor vetoed the bill, the legislature overrode the veto, and a judge then halted the law pending a legal challenge. The state legislature also overrode a veto on another law making it illegal to sue a doctor claiming “wrongful birth” because the doctor failed to convince the mother to abort a child. The law is intended to prevent discrimination against unborn children with disabilities. Oklahoma’s new laws are some of the nation’s strongest measures to discourage abortions, and other states are passing similar legislation. The governor of Nebraska recently signed a state law banning most abortions after 20 weeks. (NPR 4/27/10, AP 5/3/10)

## HEALTH CARE TO IMPACT NONPROFITS

WASHINGTON, DC – The passage of the omnibus health care act in March will carry a significant impact on non-profit employers, both large and small. Many local churches and ministries are nonprofit employers. Pastors and leaders are being encouraged to monitor developments, inform themselves and prepare for changes. An overview by Gammon & Grange, “Nonprofits Watch for Impact of Health Care Act,” is a “Resource, Featured Article” posted at [www.ifapray.org](http://www.ifapray.org) and available at [www.gg-law.com](http://www.gg-law.com).

## U.S. WEAKENING ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom says the Obama administration is not doing enough to support religious freedom around the world. “The U.S. government must do more,” said Leonard Leo, chair of the independent commission. The commission had similar criticism of past administrations. In this year’s annual report detailing religious freedom violators around the world, the group said attention to religious freedom “seems to shrink year after year for the White House and the State Department.” The commission was created in 1998 by the International Freedom Act. One positive has come from the legislation: commissioner Richard Land said the law requires embassies to submit reports on religious freedom. In the 12 years since the law was passed, the junior staffers who write the reports have risen in rank, bringing in more awareness of the religious freedom issue. (W 4/29/10)

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILES APPEAL TO PRESERVE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

★ WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Justice Department has filed a formal notice with the U.S. District Court for western Wisconsin that it plans to appeal a ruling in April by federal Judge Barbara Crabb. Crabb found fault with the annual presidential proclamation as established by Congress under law in 1952. Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL) sponsored two House resolutions—one condemning Judge Crabb’s decision and the other supporting the “constitutionality and historical importance” of the Prayer Day. (WSJ 4/22/10)

## In America Today...



## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DESERT CROSS

★ WASHINGTON, DC – In a 5-4 majority opinion filed on April 28, the United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of the continued display of a lone cross in a lonely stretch of the Mojave Desert memorializing veterans of World War I. Atheist organizations had long attacked this tribute to fallen soldiers of World War I as unconstitutional. Various Christian legal organizations filed briefs with the Supreme Court arguing that the cross did not violate the First Amendment, as the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals had found. Joining in the majority were Justices Kennedy, Roberts, Alito, Scalia and Thomas. Justices Stevens, Ginsburg, Sotomayor and Breyer filed dissenting opinions. It is hoped that this ruling will help set a precedent and carry weight in future cases. (OWIW 4/28/10)

## COURT HEARS PETITION SIGNERS’ CASE

WASHINGTON, DC – The Supreme Court heard arguments in late April in a case to determine whether names on a petition can be kept secret. The case stems from a petition for a referendum on Washington State’s domestic partnership law. Gay rights activists sued to gain access to the names on the petition, but Protect Marriage Washington, the group that organized opposition to the law, said its members would be harassed if their names were made public. The issue the court is considering focuses on whether signing a petition is a form of free speech that ought to be protected from harassment or a type of legislative document that ought to be open to the public. (OWIW ONN 4/28/10)

## NEW U.S. COMMANDER IN IRAQ

★ WASHINGTON, DC – The top U.S. military office in Iraq for the past three years, Army Gen. Ray Odierno, will leave the post in August. He will be replaced by Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, currently staff director for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Odierno succeeded Gen. David Petraeus in 2007, after Petraeus was put in charge of U.S. military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan. (WK 4/23/10)

## OBAMA TO CONVENE WORLD SUMMIT?

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL – Various sources reported that Barack Obama informed several European leaders at the end of April that if Israeli-Palestinian talks remain stalemated into September or October, he will convene an international summit on achieving Mideast peace. Officials in Israel and elsewhere said the conference would be run by the Quartet of Middle East peace-makers—the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia—in a bid to forge a united global front for creating a Palestinian state. The summit, they said, would address such core issues as borders, security arrangements, Palestinian refugees and the final status of Jerusalem. “Obama is determined to exert his influence to establish a Palestinian state,” the officials stated. (FR H 4/30/10)

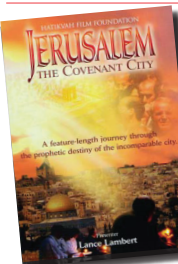
## GAY & LESBIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE RECRUITING MORE WHITE HOUSE APPOINTEES

WASHINGTON, DC – The Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute (GLLI) has an ongoing “Presidential Appointments Project.” GLLI represents a coalition of more than 15 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) organizations and networks. In order to “help President Obama lead the nation,” GLLI is asking for more LGBT individuals desiring to work in the Obama administration to file applications with their “talent bank.” In early May the GLLI Web site listed the names and titles of more than 90 LGBT officials already appointed and serving in “high places” in the Obama administration.

## SEC PORN BUST COMES TO LIGHT

★ NEW YORK, NY – Journalist Tobin Harshaw reported that while Wall Street was in “full panic” in the fall of 2008, senior officials of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) weren’t watching the markets. They were engrossed in watching porn. According to SEC’s inspector general, 17 “senior-level employees,” some earning as much as \$222,418 a year, were caught up in a porn sweep and disciplined. One SEC attorney looked at and downloaded porn eight hours per day. The revelations, documented since 2008, drew little notice until the recent Senate financial regulation reform hearings. The truth that America’s number-one financial enforcement team was “surfing for smut” rather than enforcing regulations is complicating progress on reform. (NYT WK 5/7/10)

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