

ON WATCH IN WASHINGTON

Intercessors for America's PRAYER ALERT

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SANCTITY OF LIFE

ALL GIRLS ALLOWED: FROM TIANANMEN TO DC

Praise God that He is moving in the hearts of His followers to openly “approve the things that are excellent” by promoting and defending life. Pray that godly leaders would live their lives and fulfill their duties in such a way that they will stand before God without blemish. Intercede that America will be a discerning people with moral voices that will be obedient until the day of Christ.

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ.” (Philippians 1:9-10)

Constitution Avenue bustled on Monday as more than 200,000 pro-lifers bundled up in the cold and made their way to the steps of the Supreme Court. As dedicated crowds from around the nation gathered to mark the 38th anniversary of the court's Roe v. Wade decision, there was an incredible show of support from those born in the wake of 1973. Once again, the movement bridged every generation gap. But this year it went the extra mile, also bridging the global, **pro-life concerns of both East and West**, spearheaded by Tiananmen Square student leader and Nobel Prize nominee **Chai Ling** who led a prayer vigil at 4:30 PM at the Chinese Embassy. **Her mission?** *To restore life, value and dignity to girls and mothers in China, and to reveal the injustice of China's One-Child Policy.*

Escaping the massacre of an estimated 3,000 people stemming from the Tiananmen Square protest of 1989, Chai Ling is now a successful business woman and a new Christian as of December 2009. She recently started the Boston-based organization “All Girls Allowed” and joined this year's March for Life event line-up in an effort to raise American awareness of the 35,000 babies lost every day in China, not to mention cases of pregnant mothers being kidnapped, abused, and forced to abort up until the ninth month. Ling prays that the Lord will use Monday's vigil to stir the hearts of government leaders to put an end to gendecide.

Interviewed by Relevant Magazine and asked about her spiritual birth and God's direction in her life, Ling replied:

...the transformation started taking place around May [2010].... I was given a tape that said, “Make Your Calling Truth” and I listened to that and the beginning said, “When God calls you, you better step out.” It also said basically you had to change whatever you were doing to

answer the calling, including your career, your family and everything else. So that's where All Girls Allowed was born, as a result of that.

...the whole mission of All Girls Allowed is really to bring God's love to China and to where the victims are most vulnerable and violated—let them know God still loves them and cares for them. And through this process, to bring the Gospel to those people and to bring the Gospel even to the perpetrators, the policy makers, the enforcers.

Last week during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit in Washington, advocates, victims and policymakers urged President Obama to hold Hu accountable on human rights issues, i.e. endorsement of civil liberties violations, abuses of Uyghurs and house church Christians, (in addition to China's One-Child Policy). Obama complied, briefly, during the state arrival [ceremony at the White House, stating:](#)

History shows that societies are more harmonious, nations are more successful, and the world is more just, when the rights and responsibilities of all nations and all people are upheld, including the universal rights of every human being.

Meanwhile, on the home front, [USA Today reports](#) that the president made this statement as the pro-life rally swept DC on Monday:

Today marks the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that protects women's health and reproductive freedom, and affirms a fundamental principle: that government should not intrude on private family matters.... And on this anniversary, I hope that we will recommit ourselves more broadly to ensuring that our daughters have the same rights, the same freedoms, and the same opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams.

FOR MORE ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES, READ:

[New Commission May Insert Abortion in \\$40 Billion UN Program Bills Will Stop Federal Funding of Abortion](#)

STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

TALKING THE WALK

Give thanks for the Lord's protection over the House Chamber during the President's address to the nation. Pray for genuine discernment for leaders and citizens in the coming year, that we would not be self-deceived by actions or words, but that the Lord would truly lead America to a higher place, that He might be lifted up and that all men would be drawn to Him.

“The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.” (Psalm 33:10-12)

President Obama's 61-minute State of the Union Address, “Winning the future,” did not win conservatives Tuesday night. The Associated Press did a “fact check,” noting that Obama's [examples of spending trumped his intentions](#) to cut spending. The article points out the disparity between words and action. Family Research Council President Tony Perkins took note of the president's emphasis on the importance of parents and teachers, America's “nation builders,” in a child's education.

Perkins stated:

"The intact married family is the core strength of the United States, and public policy should encourage formation of such families. Unfortunately, many of the Administration's policies have undermined strong families by affirming sexual behavior that is unhealthy and destructive to individuals, families, the military, and society."

MARRIAGE

FOUNDATION FOR MORAL LAW DEFENDS DOMA

Give thanks for Roy Moore and those who abide by the truth that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Intercede that God would strengthen godly lawmakers who promote the traditional definition of marriage and bless them as they bear the fruit of righteousness. Pray that their actions, words and endorsements would change the hearts of their opponents.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (John 15:7-8)

On Thursday the Foundation for Moral Law, a religious liberties legal organization in Montgomery, Alabama, filed an **amicus curiae brief** defending the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), approved by Congress in 1996. Roy Moore, a former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice, joined the organization's challenge, **commenting**:

When judges start attacking traditional marriage and the laws of nature, one wonders whether they ever learned the difference between boys and girls. Activist judges have been rewriting the Constitution for decades and now are attempting to destroy one of the most foundational principles of our society.

After a federal district court judge in Massachusetts ruled last year that DOMA is unconstitutional because the Act prohibits federal benefits from same-sex couples, the Department of Justice took up the law in court. However, since the DoJ rejected many arguments that promote the traditional definition of marriage, the Foundation's brief challenged the court's overt, liberal agenda by making a special point to reinforce traditional morality.

To read more about the Foundation's brief, visit christiannewswire.com.

NATIONAL SECURITY / MIDDLE EAST

DEAR SENATOR, PLEASE STOP IRAN.

Intercede that as our nation considers growing international turmoil and threats to national security, may our confidence remain in God our Defender. Pray that our actions, sanctions and legislation in regard to Iran would be boldly founded on the belief that the Lord is in control of all things. Pray for the spiritual undercurrents in Iran – for the Lord to strengthen the Iranian Church and give believers unflinching courage so that their testimony would proclaim the grace of God.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? ...When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp

**against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”
(Psalm 27:1-3)**

A coalition of evangelical, Roman Catholic, and other faith and civic leaders wrote a letter to the Senate on Monday calling for an uncompromising crackdown on Iran’s Nuclear program. Christian Leaders for a Nuclear Free Iran (CLNFI) identified eight key areas where US legislation could increase pressure on the Iranian government and its potential supporters.

Fearing that failure to leverage more specific demands on Iran will accelerate instability in the Middle East and threaten the US and its allies, the coalition (which includes leaders such as Regent University Founder Dr. Pat Robertson and Concerned Women for America CEO Penny Nance) cited numerous reasons to take action:

Leaked diplomatic cables made public by Wikileaks indicate a high state of alarm among key US strategic allies in the Arab world, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the Gulf states. We urge your immediate attention to this pressing threat, and ask that you help bring legislation to the floor for passage as soon as possible.

To read the full text, [CLICK HERE](#).

For crucial articles on developments in the Middle East, read:

[Lebanon Druze Leader Walid Jumblatt Sides with Hezbollah in Crisis](#)
[Guyana Becomes 7th South American State to Recognize Palestinian Independence](#)
[Turkish and Iranian Ties Flourish in the New Era](#)
[Iran-Turkey Ties Unaffected by Sanctions](#)
[Russia, Turkey Sign Strategic Cooperation Protocol](#)

GOVERNMENT LEADERS

OBAMA’S SPIRITUAL CABINET

Pray for God to work in the hearts of those who have moral influence with President Obama and the White House Administration, and **those who offer spiritual encouragement**. Ask that He would guide and direct their thoughts, make them sensitive to His Spirit and leading, and in turn be given words of TRUTH, insight and instruction for our nation’s leaders. May their words be the word of the LORD and not their own.

In addition to U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black and House Chaplain Daniel Coughlin, pray for all the spiritual advisors who have incredible influence. As the Tucson shooting hit “close to home,” intercede that Obama and his staff members would be spiritually sensitive during this pivotal time, that their hearts would be awakened with a thirst for “the unseen” (2 Cor. 4). Pray that recent events would set in motion a hunger to seek the Truth and meaning that only come from Jesus Christ. Lift up Joshua DuBois, (one of Obama’s spiritual advisors who often sends him devotionals and Bible verses on his blackberry), and Cody Keenan (the writer who helped craft the President’s Tucson speech).

Pray Psalm 42 and Isaiah 55:11 – “So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah. 55:11

While the nation applauded Obama's Tucson speech and listened to [lengthy Scripture passages](#) read by Attorney General Eric Holder and Department of Homeland Security head Janet Napolitano, at least one listener was not so easily soothed by the overall quality of the memorial service. Franklin Graham later expressed dismay that the service was [not as explicitly religious](#) as he had hoped, noting that there was no direct call for God's comfort. "Why did they leave Him out? Because the world scoffs at the name of Jesus Christ," he said. "...Tucson [the memorial service] is the template for what you are going to see in a secularized world."

As the references to Scripture by top national officials at a public university continue to spark dialogue between liberals and conservatives, the Bible verses bring a wave of curiosity about behind-the-scenes spiritual discernment. Who gives the President spiritual advice, and who selected the Isaiah 40 passage and 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 passage read by Napolitano* and Holder?

According to the Los Angeles Times, DuBois and Keenan played a large role in Obama's speech on Jan. 12; but [CLICK HERE](#) for a more complete list of Obama's day-to-day "Spiritual Cabinet."