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Intercessors for America's PRAYER ALERT

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## OBAMA NAMES NEW MILITARY LEADERSHIP PICKS

Obama nominated Army Gen. Martin Dempsey on Monday as his pick to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, replacing Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, whose term ends Sept. 30. Dempsey, an accomplished veteran of the Iraq war and the current Army chief of staff who's only been in his post for one month, will need Senate confirmation.

Obama also named Adm. James Winnefeld, the commander of Northern Command, to be his vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs. While not a household name, sources describe him as a smart officer, who is well-known at the White House. One source described him as "Mullen's guy."

In a Rose Garden announcement, Obama said Dempsey is "one of our nation's most respected and combat-tested generals." Obama also said that both men have had the trust and respect of the troops on the front lines and in Congress.

Obama named Gen. Ray Odierno to be his Army chief of staff, a position that lives up to a promise by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to give Odierno, who is winding down at U.S. Joint Forces Command, a great job following a brutally long four years in Iraq. (Contributor: [Fox News](#))

**As these military leaders prepare to go before the Congress for their confirmation hearings, lift each one up in prayer. Ask that Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, Adm. James Winnefeld, and Gen. Ray Odierno be led by the Spirit of the Most High God -- our own Commander-in-Chief -- in all the decisions that they must make for the defense of our nation.**

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go: I will guide you with my eye." (Psalm 32:8)*

## G8 PLEDGES \$20 BILLION FOR EGYPT AND TUNISIA

The world's big wealthy democracies have endorsed a \$20-billion-plus package of assistance to Egypt and Tunisia, asserting a willingness to support transitions to democracy in North Africa and the Middle East. Leaders of many of the Group of Eight countries meeting in Deauville, France, had raised fears that the pro-Democracy movements dubbed the Arab spring could be derailed by economic hardship which could lead to a rise of extremism.

They closed their summit with a "declaration on the Arab spring" that pledged to back concrete economic political reforms across North Africa and the Middle East, starting with Egypt and Tunisia, two countries which ousted dictators but face economic downturn. "We stand ready to extend this long term global Partnership to all countries of the region engaging in a transition towards free, democratic and tolerant societies, beginning with Egypt and Tunisia, in association with countries wishing to support transition in the region," the G8 declaration stated.

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There is now a very fine line between what Obama calls "democracy" in the "Arab Spring," and the carefully designed takeover of these same nations by the Muslim Brotherhood. For more on this, please see the comment, below, by a brother in Israel. In the U.S., the appropriation of these funds must be approved by Congress. (Contributors: The Globe and Mail)

**Pray that these world leaders be granted God's wisdom on all important matters dealing with the Middle East. Pray that any agendas that are not God's will for this hour be thwarted. Pray that any ill-willed hidden agendas be exposed and brought out into the light for all to see and counter with God's righteous will.**

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)*

## **SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ARIZONA LAW ON IMMIGRATION ISSUE**

Penalizes Employers Over Illegal Immigrant Workers

The Supreme Court has sustained Arizona's law that penalizes businesses for hiring workers who are in the United States illegally, rejecting arguments that states have no role in immigration matters. By a 5-3 vote, the court said Thursday that federal immigration law gives states the authority to impose sanctions on employers who hire unauthorized workers. The decision upholding the validity of the 2007 law comes as the state is appealing a ruling that blocked key components of a second, more controversial Arizona immigration enforcement law. Thursday's decision applies only to business licenses and does not signal how the high court might rule if the other law comes before it. (Contributor: [Christian Coalition of America](#))

**Thank the Lord, for this victory in the Supreme Court! We ask that more states now begin to clamp down on the immigration violations across the borders of America, not to harm the innocents, but to protect the nation.**

*"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He has done marvelous things: His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him the victory." (Psalm 98:1)*

## **SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CALIFORNIA DECISION, RELEASES 40,000 PRISONERS**

In all the big news of the past few weeks, a very controversial United States Supreme Court decision has been largely ignored. In a 5-to-4 decision, the Supreme Court ordered California to release more than 40,000 prisoners, arguing that prison overcrowding had created conditions that amounted to "cruel and unusual" punishment. The decision was backed by the court's four liberal justices, including two appointed by Obama, and Justice Anthony Kennedy.

This decision will have severe consequences. As other court-ordered prisoner releases have demonstrated, people may be killed, raped or robbed as result. In the 1990s, Philadelphia was forced to release thousands of prisoners under court order. In less than two years, the police had arrested and charged many of the released prisoners for committing nearly 10,000 new crimes, including 79 murders, 90 rapes and nearly 1,000 robberies.

The court's conservatives were incredulous. In his dissenting opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia warned that "terrible things are sure to happen as a consequence of this outrageous order." Justice Samuel Alito argued that the court should have issued a narrow ruling to address specific problems on a case-by-case basis. Instead, Alito wrote, the liberal majority freed "the equivalent of three Army divisions" of criminals, which he feared would "lead to a grim roster of victims." (SOURCE: Gary Bauer)

**Pray for wisdom for the Supreme Court of our land. Pray that they make judgments more wisely**

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than this ruling on Monday. Pray that they will get their priorities right and that honest men and women will be protected from those who are soon to be released. Ask our Father to make changes in the lives of those released so that they are not a menace to society.

*"Wisdom is better than weapons of war." (Ecclesiastes 9:18a) KJV*

## MEXICO'S PRESIDENT FELIPE CALDERON CALLS FOR PRAYER

[Experts are questioning Mexico's stability](#) in light of the ongoing drug cartel instability. A *Joint Forces Command Report* in January 2009 warned that a "rapid and sudden collapse" of the Mexican government was possible by the rise in power of the drug cartels in Mexico.

Two brave followers of Christ, Alejandro and Rosi Orozco, who both have significant positions in the Mexican government, boldly arranged an effort to connect Christian leadership from Mexico and the United States in a common effort to pray and work together to bring an end to the trafficking of drugs, arms and human beings that has claimed the lives of 35,000 in the last five years. This dark trade has fueled widespread corruption and drug-related crime in much of Mexico and, because of our long porous border, has enabled drug cartels and other criminal gangs to increasingly operate in various states within the USA.

We as Americans bear a great responsibility for this situation because our insatiable demand for drugs (about 20 million are current users or addicts and over 100 million have used either cocaine, marijuana or methamphetamines) have made the drug trade a multi-billion dollar per year business. In addition, the U.S. Congress' allowing the ban on assault weapons to expire in 2004 has enabled the drug criminals to acquire tens of thousands of AK 47s and other advanced weaponry that has no purpose other than killing people. They have and are using these weapons not only on law enforcement officers and the military, but also on innocent civilians, even including children, without any conscience.

Similar to an earlier visit by several prayer leaders from the U.S.A. which included IFA's President and CEO Dave Kubal in November 2010, another meeting was called on Thursday, May 26, 2011. Once again, many prayer leaders from the U.S. had the honor of meeting with President Felipe Calderon, his gracious First Lady, Margarita Zavala, and a few other key government officials. "They briefed us on the situation in the nation, asking for our help in prayer and action," said John Robb, Chairman of [IPC](#).

"Some of us believe that breakthrough is coming during this coming year and that the Lord is rewriting the history of Mexico through its growing prayer movement and greater unity among the thousands of Christian leaders," says IPC Chairman, John Robb.

On June 12, Pentecost Sunday and the Global Day of Prayer, they are marching and praying with millions of other believers in most of the state capitals all across Mexico. **Let's agree that through the backing of the prayer movement as well as God-given strategies of action our brothers and sisters in both church and government will be able to win complete victory!** (Contributors: IPC, World Prayer Assembly, NewsMax Magazine June 2011 Issue)

### Seven key ongoing prayer concerns for intercession:

**1. For the strengthening of President Calderon and his colleagues, including Alejandro and Rosi Orozco, as well as for their security and that of their families. These are courageous men and women who have put their lives on the line to serve their nation and eliminate the drug cartels who in turn would like nothing more than to assassinate them. These cartels have already**

managed to intimidate or buy off many officials and infiltrate the police, military and parts of the government. Pray for their protection and victory in this dangerous battle.

2. The government has managed to capture or kill 20 of the “most wanted” 37 drug cartel leaders and criminals. There are 17 left to bring to justice. Pray that these ruthlessly wicked people will be found and arrested soon and that their networks of other thugs will be broken up and destroyed in both countries.

3. That the government’s other efforts to provide poverty relief, better and more education for young people and other opportunities will be effective in giving children and youth a reason to live and not get seduced into the grip of organized crime.

4. That the Mexican people will not complain about and criticize this long battle against evil but will be patient, hopeful and supportive of the government’s efforts.

5. That the U.S. Congress and other public authorities in this country will take action to reapply the ban on assault weapons and take actions to stop the flow of such arms into Mexico.

6. That drug shipments will be interdicted and the routes and networks for the smuggling of drugs, weapons and humans for sexual and commercial purposes will be uncovered and cut off by coordinated and effective border patrol efforts.

7. That Hollywood would be sensitive to this dangerously destructive issue and stop producing movies that glamorize the taking of drugs like marijuana or cocaine.

*“For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:8)*

## **OBAMA’S BUDGET UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED 0-97**

The budget proposal released by the White House back in February didn't win a single vote in the Senate last Wednesday -- the final tally was 0-97. Senate Republicans pushed for the vote as a counterpoint to the defeat of Rep. Paul Ryan's budget plan. (Contributor: Politico)

**Thank the Lord for the unanimous rejection of this budget which did not address the sin of overspending. Ask the Father for a budget plan that truly addresses the financial problems in the nation and that asks for God’s Word and wisdom to be used to guide our legislators in implementing such a plan. If the budget plan recently passed in the House of Representatives meets this criteria, ask that the Lord would prosper it. Ask that our Lord would prepare the hearts and minds of the people of the USA for the changes that need to be made to return His nation to financial stability.**

*"However there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you, if only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today. For the LORD your God will bless you as he has promised, and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations but none will rule over you." (Deut. 15: 4-6)*