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# THE CONNECTER

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

# INTERCESSORY ACTIVISM



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**I**ntercessory Activism (noun): to promote and activate the Kingdom of God in today's political process. To stand between God and elected officials (intercession) to see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven (activism).

You may not have heard this term, but as intercessors you will understand the concept perfectly—God calls us to join Him in shaping history through intercession. There is no greater gift given to the Church, nor any weapon more powerful, than intercession.

Intercessory Activism (or IA) is first and foremost intercession. We desire to see elected officials supported by prayer. God promises us, "A king's heart is like streams of water in the LORD's hand: He directs it wherever He chooses" (Prov. 21:1, HCSB). Some things are not activated unless we pray for them; we have not, because we ask not. IA activates the power of the Almighty to support and

direct the leaders of our nation.

IA is also about protection of our elected officials. Isaiah 58 teaches us that true fasting results in God's protection from harm coming from "behind" us—that is, from directions we cannot see. Godly candidates who uphold the values of God encounter all sorts of enemy attacks coming their way from directions they cannot see or may not anticipate. IA provides a spiritual hedge of protection around godly candidates and officials.

IA encourages candidates and elected officials to stay true to godly values. Campaigns can be whirlwinds of activity, opinions, and polls. Our country is a representative republic. Intercessors who develop relationships with candidates and elected officials have an opportunity to influence their platforms and views, and encourage them to stay firm to convictions.

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## FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER MARCH 2, 2018

On the first Friday of the month, we encourage all to fast and pray for America using the prayer focuses below.

### PARTY PLATFORMS

Intercede for moral, God-fearing, pro-life, and pro-family men and women to be selected, supported, and find favor in local, state, and national campaigns. Pray for the Lord to reveal His choices, expose corruption, immorality, bribery, hidden agendas, and controlling persons or special interests. Intercede for the writing of party platforms.

### SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Intercede that we, and all followers of Christ, be granted grace and wisdom to "discern the times" and to know what to do to advance the gospel and Kingdom of Christ (Mt. 16:2-3; 1 Cor. 2:14). Intercede for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and anointing upon Church leaders, Christian public officials, and the Body of Christ, and for spiritual discernment (1 Ki. 3:9-13; 1 Cor. 2:14).

### HUMILITY

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet. 5:5; Prov. 3:34; Is. 57:15). Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict you, then repent of any pride, arrogance, conceit, prejudice, pretense, and egotism. Pray that the Lord would grant grace to you and to all fellow believers in your area to fear God, walk humbly, and to "show true humility toward all men." Pray for our leaders and public officials to desire and cultivate a life of service marked by humility (Tit 3:2; Mic 6:8).



## TRANSFORMING SOCIAL MEDIA INTO A PLATFORM OF PRAYER



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With the surge of social media, much criticism has been leveled against its negative influence, liberal-based algorithms, and addictive nature. Between Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, millions of global followers use these platforms to promote their personal agendas. And though many Christians have bemoaned the increase of this potentially dysfunctional pastime, many believers are realizing the possibilities in seizing this medium to promote Kingdom values and ideas.

Last year, Intercessors for America (IFA) decided to delve deeper into these platforms in hopes of transforming the social media landscape with prayers and intercession for the nation. Kris Kubal (pictured above) is IFA's Director of Social Media and Marketing. As the ministry's Facebook host, she reports on the impact this platform has had in increasing prayer and interaction among intercessors this past year:

"IFA's main Facebook page has more than doubled in growth in 2017, in the number of people who are actively following our page and in 'Likes' [where followers can 'like' a particular post]. We have, at this writing, nearly 40,000 [followers] in our Facebook group. Our posts have made over 18 million impressions [displays] on social media, with over one million engagements on our posts."

Kubal says that the biggest draw of the Facebook page is "community." She states, "People like to know there are others praying about the same issues, with the same heart. While we provide information on the news, encouragement, and prayer guidance for current events, the community that is offered is the 'special sauce' of our Facebook page."

The largest responses have come from posts about President Trump. One post had more than a half-million views, almost 60,000 engagements (followers giving a personal response), and 20,000 shares (when followers pass on the post to their own followers).

Another swell in engagement came during Hurricane Irma when many were impacted by the storms. Kubal shares, "What was so interesting was the interaction between people who were affected by the storms asking for prayer, and those in other parts of the country who were responding

with prayer, encouragement, and love. Truly amazing to see."

While Twitter is mostly a one-sided communication tool for others to see, Facebook provides followers the opportunity to interact with others. One Facebook follower, Paul R., posted recently about the impact the IFA Facebook community has had on him. "I joined this group because I love God's Word, but my prayer life was weak. Spend some time with these people and they will help turn that around."

Hattie B. offered her gratefulness for the online community. "We are so thankful to God for calling us into the army of praying for leaders in the USA and around the world! We are also glad we are connected here with this group!"

Kubal believes social media has changed the conversation about prayer, especially since the last presidential election. "Social media has given people a forum to be able to dissect news, discern together what is happening in the natural and supernatural, provide up-to-the-minute prayer requests for our nation and leaders, as well as galvanize and unify the body of intercessors. It has given a sense of community where there may have been a void. It is an exciting time to be an intercessor, being able to use social media to connect, share prayer, encourage, and see stories of how God is moving." —Follow us on Facebook!

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IA can also play a prophetic role. We are all familiar with the Bible story about David committing adultery and murder. He might have continued under guilt—without forgiveness and restoration—if not for the prophet Nathan, who was inspired by the Holy Spirit to lovingly confront him. All of Israel was affected by David's decision to sin, as well as his decision to repent. Who knows what would have resulted for Israel without Nathan's prophetic ministry?

We encourage every intercessor to pray about how God is calling you to engage in Intercessory Activism. We will build on this concept all year, leading up to the mid-term elections in November. Ask the Lord how He might want you to be involved in the campaigns of candidates. Go to your state's political parties' websites to find out who has filed to run and when the local primaries are. Then, contact the candidates. Ask if you can pray for them and/or volunteer in their offices. By doing so, you will build a relationship and bring God's presence into their headquarters.

May God release a powerful wave of Intercessory Activism throughout our country!

Learn how to **pray** for, **connect** with, and **contact** our elected officials.  
PrayforAmericasLeaders.com



## Watchmen On *THE* Wall

*On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night. . .* (Isa. 62:6, ESV).

You, the intercessors for America, are the watchmen on the walls, crying out to God for our nation day and night.

We now offer a new kind of resource to equip you to pray strategically—daily devotionals on a range of important topics. With powerful stories and profound biblical truths, they focus on discerning and drawing into the heart of God—for ourselves and for our nation. Subscribe at any time at IFAPray.org under “Resources.”

Our Prayer Wall is an online community providing 24/7 prayer for the nation. This newly redesigned website page offers many ways to connect with other intercessors. You can see who is praying at any time of day and who is praying near you. You can also send messages of encouragement to others, post prayer requests, and intercede for those who have posted requests.

The Prayer Wall links to another page on our website, our Prayer Map—a graphic depiction of all the IFA intercessors who have committed to pray regu-

larly for the nation. You can find prayer groups, mobilizers, and community prayer watches near you. Be encouraged by how our whole nation is covered in prayer by faithful intercessors!

IFA also regularly publishes new prayer resources. If you favor short, Scripture-based prayers, our prayer guide bookmarks cover various topics related to interceding for the nation. If you like deep analysis of current events and information about what goes on behind the headlines, our Special Reports will bless you. Published monthly by IFA, these resources, and many others, are available under the Resources tab on our home page.

However you like to pray, IFA has resources and tools to help you.

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## Answered Prayer

### TRUMP PRO-LIFE PERSON OF YEAR

The pro-life group Operation Rescue named President Donald Trump as their 2017 “pro-life person of the year, an award given to individuals who sacrificially work to advance the cause of protecting the pre-born. “Operation Rescue is grateful to Pres. Trump for having the courage to keep promises made during the campaign that provide greater protections for the pre-born and deny Federal funds from those who commit abortions,” said OR President Troy Newman. “He has proven to be the most pro-life president we have had in modern history and has backed up his pro-life rhetoric with action like no other before him.” (LSN)

### FBI PROBES PLANNED PARENTHOOD?



The FBI has requested unredacted documents from Congress that were obtained during the 2015 hearings on

Planned Parenthood’s allegedly illegal trafficking of aborted baby body parts for profit. Pro-life activists have welcomed the move as a first sign of a criminal probe into the abortion giant. The request was made to the Senate Judiciary Committee, whose chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), referred PP and several other abortion providers to the FBI for investigation. The Justice Department declined comment. (LSN)

## Issues for Prayer

### MORE EMBASSIES TO JERUSALEM

Guatemala will follow in America’s footsteps by recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state and will begin the process of moving its embassy there. Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely told Israel Radio that at least ten more countries are in talks to move their embassies to Jerusalem. Most expect Honduras to be the next. Both Guatemala and Honduras were among the nine nations that voted “no” when the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution effectively condemning President Donald Trump over his Jerusalem decision. (IT)

### SIGNIFICANCE OF IRAN PROTESTS



Recent protests in cities throughout Iran against the Islamic Republic’s strained economy, corrupt regime, and costly military expansion may force Iran to divert resources from fighting Israel. Daniel Pipes, president of the Middle East Forum think tank, said if the protests “lead to regime change, they will have immense implications for Israel, the Middle East, the Muslim world and beyond.” Former President Obama was silent in response to 2009 protests, but President Trump tweeted that Iran’s government “should respect their people’s rights, including right to express themselves. The world is watching!” (PNW)

## OREGON BAKER LOSES APPEAL

The Oregon Court of Appeals upheld a decision by a state agency that led to a \$135,000



fine and forced Aaron and Melissa Klein to close their bakery. The court ruled that baking wedding cakes is not “speech, art, or other expression” protected by the First Amendment. The Kleins had owned Sweet Cakes by Melissa, a bakery in Gresham, OR, and declined in 2013 to bake a cake for a gay couple’s wedding. The judge ordered the Kleins to pay for physical, emotional, and mental damages to the two women. The First Liberty legal team is deciding how to move forward, which could mean appealing to the Oregon Supreme Court. “I think it’s a sad day for our Constitution and for the rule of law in this country when a family-owned bakery can be put out of business simply for trying to follow their religious beliefs,” said deputy general counsel Michael Berry. (DS)

## Events

### SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY, FEB-MAR

Forty days of prayer for revival from February 14 to March 25. Prayer guide or app is available from [www.waymakers.org](http://www.waymakers.org).

### UNSHAKEN, MAR-APR

Regional prayer events sponsored by Moms in Prayer. Learn to battle powerfully in prayer. Find dates at <https://momsinprayer.org/events/unshaken/>.

Join believers in praying for our elected officials at [PrayforAmericasLeaders.com](http://PrayforAmericasLeaders.com) • [IFApray.org](http://IFApray.org)



### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL

Please plan on setting these important 30 minutes aside to join with hundreds across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens on **March 2, 2018 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. (ET)**

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