

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – **Legal Pink Sheet Expander**  
Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

- ❑ 1. Pray that Chike Uzuegbunam would have a favorable outcome in the U.S. Supreme Court. College officials ordered Chike to stop handing out pamphlets and talking about the Gospel with interested students in a campus plaza. They informed Chike that if he wanted to distribute materials or talk to his peers about his beliefs, he had to reserve time in the campus “speech zone.” Restricting free speech, the college’s two tiny speech zones made up about 0.0015 % of campus and were open for only 18 hours a week (closed on the weekend) which is 10% of the week. Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) filed suit on Chike’s behalf and the college eventually changed its policies without compensating Chike for violating his right to free speech. In July 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court announced that it would hear Chike’s case. Pray that Christians would be able to share their faith on all college campuses unhindered by “speech zones.” (Source: ADFFlegal.org)
- ❑ 2. Pray that churches and other non-profits would not be targeted to pay a significantly higher rate than commercial businesses. Magnolia, Texas began charging “institutional” water and wastewater fees for tax-exempt and nonprofit organizations, like churches, at a rate significantly higher than that of commercial businesses. City officials admitted specifically targeting churches and non-profits because those entities are exempt from property taxes. First Liberty Institute filed a lawsuit on behalf of three area churches negatively affected by the fee scheme and in March of 2020, defended the churches on appeal before the Texas Third District Court of Appeals in Austin. (Source: firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 3. Praise God that a federal district court ruled in favor of Chelsey Nelson, a Christian wedding photographer and blogger in Louisville. Although Chelsey respects and serves everyone, she cannot celebrate every event or promote every message that is asked of her. Under the law, Chelsey is not even allowed to explain to clients and potential clients how her religious beliefs on marriage affect the artistic choices she makes nor can she include those beliefs on her website or social media. Chelsey filed a lawsuit to challenge this unfair law. In its ruling, the court summed it up this way: *[U]nder our Constitution, the government can’t force [people of faith] to march for, or salute in favor of, or create an artistic expression that celebrates, a marriage that their conscience doesn’t condone. America is wide enough for those who applaud same-sex marriage and those who refuse to. The Constitution does not require a choice between gay rights and freedom of speech. It demands both.* Pray for laws and ordinances to leave room for following ones religious beliefs. (Source: ADFFlegal.org)
- ❑ 4. Praise God that Donna Dunbar will now have equal access to a social room in her building for Bible Study. First Liberty contacted HUD requesting a full investigation and restoration of Donna’s religious freedom after the Cambridge House Board of Directors banned Donna’s Bible study group from meeting in the social room, along with any prayers, religious observances or meetings of any kind in any common areas. The social room was commonly used for card games, movies, game nights, parties and other activities at her apartment building. Pray that all people continue to have the right to practice their faith where they live. (Source: firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 5. Praise the Lord for the favorable outcome for Daniela Barca, the 14-year-old freshman who sought to form a student club at her school to encourage and express her faith. School officials refused to follow the law and approve her club because it is religious. After First Liberty Institute contacted the school superintendent demanding that the school system follow the law and allow Daniela and other religious students to form clubs, officials reversed their position and are now allowing Daniela’s club to meet. Pray that all students in the U.S. continue to be able to exercise their right to form religious clubs at school. (Source: firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 6. Pray that the US military remains courageous to stand up for the religious rights of its members. An anti-religious organization (MRFF) sent a complaint to the Marine Corps because Jay Lorenzen (an Air Force Vet and member of CRU’s Military Ministry) was set to speak (on leadership, not about his faith) at an annual training for JAG reservists. According to the MRFF, a speaker with a Christian background conducting a training session was a “vicious” violation of the Constitution and an “unconstitutional disgrace.” The MRFF even boasted that it was able to get Lorenzen cancelled within just 64 minutes. Pray that believers in our military stand up for their rights. (Source: firstliberty.org, ADFFlegal.org)
- ❑ 7. Pray that students and parents know and exercise their rights. They have a right to opt out of activities that violate religious beliefs; to bring a bible to school; to form bible clubs; and choose religious topics. (Source: www.ChristianLaw.org)
- ❑ 8. Pray for the Executive Branch. Pray, petition and give thanks for “...all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.” (1Timothy 2:2). Pray that the Executive Branch would create policies and execute laws that would allow Christians to live in peace and share their faith freely and that would be compassionate while protecting our nation. (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
- ❑ 9. Pray that the candidates for president, congress, senate, and local offices seek God's guidance. Pray that they would seek God as they address poverty and justice issues as well as economic and foreign policy. Pray for encouragement and strength.

- ❑ 10. Pray for a favorable outcome in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals for Rodney Keiser, an evangelist who the University of Alabama (UA) prevented from handing out literature or talking to people on a city sidewalk adjacent to UA. Precedent has been that city-owned sidewalks must remain wide open for expressive activities like Keisters, but the district court supported UA's retraction on speech on public sidewalks bordering its property. Pray that all city sidewalks in the U.S. continue to be open for evangelism—even if the sidewalk is next to a university. (Source: crelaw.org)
- ❑ 11. Pray for a favorable decision for "Sweet Cakes by Melissa" whose owners declined to create a government-approved message. The owners were forced to close their business after the state of Oregon punished them with a \$135,000 penalty for not creating a cake to celebrate a same-sex marriage. First Liberty asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case. The Supreme Court threw out the state court's decision and sent the case back to Oregon where their court of Appeals heard oral arguments. Pray that all business owners would be able to operate their businesses according to their faith. (Source: firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 12. Praise the Lord for the victory Jose Muniz won in Federal Court in August 2020. Muniz was given a criminal citation and threatened with arrest for handing out gospel tracts in downtown San Antonio to people headed for the NCAA Final Four Championship. He didn't block the sidewalks, sell anything, or bother anyone. CRE (Center for Religious Expression) filed suit, pointing out constitutional impropriety of banning gospel tracts as if he were peddling unsanctioned merchandise. The Court agreed, declaring the ordinance unconstitutional, ordering the City to never enact it again, vindicating Muniz's constitutional freedoms. Pray these freedoms continue in the U.S. (Source: crelaw.org)
- ❑ 13. Pray for Christian legal agencies (Alliance Defending Freedom, ACLJ, Christian Legal Society, Center for Religious Expression, First Liberty and a host of others) that provide legal advocacy for issues surrounding freedom of speech and religion around the world. Pray that leaders nurture their walks with God and that they are open to the leading of the Spirit of God, not political ideology or expediency. Pray for wisdom as they choose, advocate, and litigate cases and effectiveness in their work.
- ❑ 14. Pray for the frequent legal opponents to Christian beliefs. Many organizations (Freedom From Religion Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, American Humanists Association, American Atheists, Military Religious Freedom Foundation and others) target Christian schools, ministries, churches, and individuals in court and in legislative initiatives with the purpose of silencing or punishing believers for behaving in accordance with their religious beliefs. Pray that believers would fight with spiritual weapons and seek and obey God as they combat these onslaughts. Pray that the leadership of many of these opposing organizations would come to know the love of Christ, forgiveness of sins and transformation of their lives. Pray that believers show love towards these people. *Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.* (Source: www.cpcfoundation.com)
- ❑ 15. Pray that "Congress...make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (Source: First Amendment U.S. Constitution)
- ❑ 16. Pray for the Judicial Branch (U. S. Supreme Court and Federal Courts). Pray that God would help each judge to make decisions that would be in keeping with the purity and character of the living Judeo/Christian God. Pray that the Lord would bring future justices of His choice onto the Court in His sovereign timing. Ask God to draw each justice to Himself. Pray that Supreme Court's decisions would line up with the will of God and that they would decide justly regardless of cost or consequence.
- ❑ 17. Pray for a safe and fair presidential election. Ask God to remove those who might try to unjustly or illegally change the outcome and to thwart any influence of Satan, over the elections. Pray that Christians seek God (not party, media, tradition, economics, etc.) in their voting.
- ❑ 18. Praise God for the favorable verdict for Ken Hauge who was threatened with eviction for holding a bible study in his apartment complex. First Liberty filed a federal lawsuit against the Apartment Complex arguing religious discrimination in violation of the Fair Housing Act which was settled in December 2019. Pray that this right will continue to be defended. (Source: firstliberty.org)
- ❑ 19. Praise God for the favorable outcome to the lawsuit filed by Jonathan Lopez, a Christian student in a public speaking class at Los Angeles City College. While delivering an assigned speech where he spoke of his religious beliefs, his professor called him names, refused to allow him to complete his speech, refused to grade it and told him to "ask God what your grade is." When the professor saw Jonathan complaining to his dean, the professor threatened to expel him if he complained again. ADF filed a lawsuit on Jonathan's behalf and won a judgment against the professor that declared Jonathan's rights had been violated. Pray that students everywhere would not be bullied by professors who don't share their views and the all students would know and exercise their rights. (Source: ADFLegal.org)

- ❑ 20. Pray for the favorable outcome of the law-suit filed by First Liberty Institute in the U.S. District Court on behalf of a church in Walthill, Nebraska. The growing church purchased property for worship and ministry to meet its growing needs and to revitalize the community. Permits issued were revoked and new permits denied without reason, making the property unusable by the Church. The lawsuit argues that the action of village officials violate state and federal laws, including the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. Pray that churches would be treated fairly by municipalities and granted permits when properly applied for. (Source: firstliberty.org)
  
- ❑ 21. Pray that Gail Blair would have a favorable outcome in legal action taken on her behalf by First Liberty. Gail, a former nurse, (who has been blind for decades since she was in her mid-thirties) was banned from the public park including its public library because during her strolls in Wilcox Park, she would carry pocket copies of the Gospel of John, offering them to the people she met. Park officials allowed hosting plays while passing out handbills, or handing out materials for other events but, specifically targeted Gail for her religious conversations and materials. In June 2020 First Liberty Institute and others filed a charge of discrimination with the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights against the Memorial and Library Association. The charge alleges that the Association's actions violated Rhode Island's laws for places of public accommodation and were discriminatory on the basis of religion and disability. Pray that all Christian's rights to discuss their faith in public places would not be infringed upon and that Gail prevails in this action. (Source: firstliberty.org)
  
- ❑ 22. Pray for States' Lawmakers. Pray for governors and state legislators to create no law that hinders the freedom of speech or religion for its citizens. Pray for your governor and state legislators to be led by God as they create bills, laws and policies.
  
- ❑ 23. Pray for Municipal Governments. Pray that local ordinances would not hinder the rights and activities of individual Christians or Bible believing Churches and that the free spread of the Gospel is not hampered.
  
- ❑ 24. Ask God to direct you and other believers to pray for legal issues that concern Christians.
  
- ❑ 25. Ask God to lead and direct all legislation and policy dealing with COVID-19.
  
- ❑ 26. Ask for God's will to be done in the upcoming presidential and congressional elections.
  
- ❑ 27. Pray that God would raise up Christian lawyers and judges who "Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
  
- ❑ 28. Pray for a favorable outcome in the lawsuit which asks the court to protect Catholic Charities from being singled out, punished, or disfavored because of its religious beliefs. The lawsuit further argues that the new rule violates a 2015 state law specifically enacted to ensure that providers like Catholic Charities could maintain contracts with the state while maintaining their religious beliefs. Catholic Charities West Michigan is one of the largest foster care providers in the region. It has placed thousands of children in loving foster homes over the years, all while holding to the Catholic Church's belief that marriage is between a man and a woman. Regardless of a 2015 state law that guarantees faith-based organizations the right to operate consistently with their religious beliefs, Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services has adopted a new policy that forces Catholic Charities to make a choice: violate its religious beliefs or shutter its foster and adoption ministry. Pray that religious-based charities can continue to serve their communities without compromising their beliefs.
  
- ❑ 29. Pray that the media coverage for the election would be fair and impartial. Pray that any false reporting would be weeded out. Ask God to cause truth to prevail within this election.
  
- ❑ 30. Pray for the Legislative Branch (Congress). Pray that no law be passed that would infringe on freedom of religion or speech for any citizen and that the free sharing of the Gospel will always remain legal. Pray that all life would be protected by our nation's laws. Pray for your U.S. Senators and Congress person to be led by God in their legislative decisions.



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