

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 82:3-44

The Strategic Prayer Initiative – **Pink Sheet Expander - Legal Issues Prayer Guide**—Summer 2019

Where Prayer Focuses Power Falls!

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- ❑ 1. Legal Organizations: **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.
- ❑ 2. Frequent Legal Opponents: 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)
- ❑ 3. Sanctity of Life: **Pray that the United State would continue to value life and that the murder of the unborn, disabled or the elderly would not be tolerated by our legal system.** **Pray that abortionists are not allowed to illegally use public funds to end the life of pre-born children.** **Pray that individuals and organizations not be forced to speak messages with which they disagree.** (Source: adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 4. Sanctity of Life: States such as New York and Illinois have recently passed legislation that expands abortions to any point in pregnancy for any reason and requires health care workers to participate and parents to pay for abortion of minors (even if they were unaware). Nine states, such as Alabama and Mississippi, have passed legislation that would limit abortions but lengthy court battles are expected. **Pray for outcomes in favor of the safety of the mother and the unborn and for more states to pass laws that protect the life of the unborn.** **Pray that people who honor life will speak up and actively contact legislators and vote.** **Pray for media coverage to be impartial.** (Source: www.adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 5. Church Freedoms: In *Fort Des Moines Church of Christ v. Jackson* a local commission was prevented from limiting speech and facility use of churches during events deemed as “non-religious”. “A federal district court held...officials have no business determining which church activities are ‘religious enough’...” **Pray for freedom of churches “to teach their religious beliefs and to use their houses of worship consistently with those beliefs without government intrusion and threat of punishment.”** (Source: www.adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 6. Free Speech Public Employee and Officials: **Pray for public officials and employees to continue to be able to exercise freedom of religion and freedom of speech.** (Source: adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 7. Academic Freedom for University Faculty: Please **pray for continued right of university professors of any faith or political perspective to express their views without facing retaliation or discrimination for expressing their views and beliefs.** **Pray that Christian professors receive a fair evaluation without being punished** or passed over because they expressed opinions that university officials do not like. **Pray coming generations get to hear** and interact with views that represent the Judeo/Christian view point. (Source: adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 8. Equal Justice for All: **Pray that in the United States all people will receive equal justice under the law.** **Pray for equitable arrest, prosecution, and sentencing implementation.** **Ask God to show churches where they can step in to pray and provide comfort to those who experience injustice.** **Pray that our nation would continue to create policies that Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.** ⁴*Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.* (Psalm 82:3-4)
- ❑ 9. Anti-Conversion Laws: **Pray that South Asian nations would remove or appropriately enforce anti-conversion laws.** These laws were meant to stop forcible conversions but are used to persecute Christians. (Sources: www.lausanne.org and www.adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 10. Free Speech at Universities: *Students for Life at Ball State University v. Hall* suit was dropped when the university eliminated policies that discriminated against “religious, political or ideological” expression and implemented safeguards against viewpoint discrimination as part of the settlement. The Student Activity Fee Committee at Ball State had denied funding (from student activity fees) to a pro-life student organization that wanted to “share resources with pregnant and parenting students on campus.” **Pray that “public universities...not refuse to approve a student group without justification** and...student activity funding [is] approved in a viewpoint-neutral manner.” **Thank God for the favorable outcome to this suit.** (Source: www.adfflegal.org)
- ❑ 11. USCIRF (U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom): “USCIRF is [a]... government commission...dedicated to defending ...freedom of religion...abroad.” **Ask God to lead the USCIRF** as it “reviews the facts and circumstances of religious freedom violations and makes policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State, and Congress.” **Pray that God would lead U.S. government officials as they create laws and policies** based on findings presented to them by USCIRF. (Source: www.uscirf.gov)
- ❑ 12. Discrimination Against Business / **Pray that entities that receive federal money would abide by regulations to not discriminate against Christian businesses.** According to First Liberty, “the Federal Aviation Administration has opened an official investigation of airports in San Antonio, Texas and Buffalo, New York that have banned Chick-fil-A from opening in their terminals.” “Despite originally being included among a host of new dining additions to Terminal A in the [San Antonio] airport, Chick-fil-A was later excluded from the plans with a 6-4 city council vote citing concerns about the company’s history of religious activity that the city council found offensive.” (Source: www.firstliberty.org)

- ❑ 13. Rights of Public-School Students: **Pray that students and parents know and exercise their rights** 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)
- ❑ 14. *Place to Worship Initiative*: **Pray that there is no discrimination in churches' ability to purchase and use property** for religious purposes. **Pray that the provisions of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) helps churches not be pulled into unnecessary and costly litigation** and that their resources can then be used for advancing the gospel to more people. (Source: www.adflegal.org)
- ❑ 15. Zoning Lawsuit: **Thank God** for the favorable outcome of federal lawsuit filed against the City of Monroe, North Carolina for enacting unconstitutional zoning codes. A church was denied occupancy where zoning allows uses for "education, training or resources of a public, nonprofit, or charitable nature," but excludes churches. The city agreed to make changes so now the code will permit churches to freely locate and operate. **Pray for churches not to face discrimination in zoning.** (Source: www.adflegal.org)
- ❑ 16. Senate and House of Representative Chaplain: **Pray that the lawmakers of our nation will continue to seek God and that there will always be a chaplain to pray and offer pastoral service to the members of Congress as it has been since the first Congress in 1789.**
- ❑ 17. Freedom of Speech and Religion: **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)
- ❑ 18. Christians in Office: **Pray that more Holy Spirit-led citizens would run for public office** and be elected on the local, state and national level. **Pray that they would seek to create or uphold righteous laws and overturn and replace unrighteous laws.** **Pray that they would be protected from personal or public scandal** and would live righteous lives before God and their constituents.
- ❑ 19. Christians Lawyers and Judges: **Pray that God would raise up lawyers and judges who Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute** ⁴ **Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.** (Psalm 82:3-4 NASB)
- ❑ 20. UN and Nigeria / ADF International submitted reports asking the International Criminal Court to "immediately start prosecuting members of Boko Haram who have been persecuting [and murdering] Christians in Nigeria." **Pray that these legal moves are effective in rallying a response to the persecuted Church in Nigeria.** (Sources: ww.adflegal.org and www.aclj.org)
- ❑ 21. Freedom of Religion and "Artistic Professionals": Several cases have come before the U.S. Supreme Court, federal courts or state courts where the religious freedoms of business owners or artistic professionals are at stake. **Pray that "the right of artistic professionals to express themselves without government coercion to express views with which they disagree."** (Source: www.adflegal.org)
- ❑ 22. Free Speech in Europe: As hate speech laws spread in Europe, **pray that everyone, and especially Christians, participate in creating laws in Europe that protect minorities and diffuse conflict, without stifling free speech and freedom of religion.** **Pray that Christians will be able to spread the gospel freely in EU nations.** (Source: www.adfinternational.org)
- ❑ 23. Individual Free Speech Rights of Christians: **Pray that the right of citizens to speak to others about religion** or pass out bibles and religious literature will remain protected by local ordinances and laws of the United States. **Pray for favorable outcome in the many court cases pending** where these rights are being limited. (Sources: www.crelaw.org, www.adflegal.org, and www.aclj.org)
- ❑ 24. Free Speech on College Campuses: **Pray for God's intervention in the numerous college/university free speech/religion cases** cited by Christian legal agencies. Please **pray that the rights of students to freely speak and live out their religious beliefs** and for college campuses to continue to allow free speech and not have discriminatory policies against speech. **Pray that students would know their rights and courageously exercise their rights as led by God.** (Sources: www.crelaw.org, www.adflegal.org and www.aclj.org)
- ❑ 25. Executive Branch (President): **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 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)
- ❑ 26. 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 word and will of God** and that they would decide justly regardless of cost or consequence.
- ❑ 27. 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.**
- ❑ 28. States' Lawmakers: **Pray for governors and state legislators to create no law that hinders the freedom of speech or religions** for its citizens. **Pray for your governor and state legislators to be led by God** as they create bills, laws and policies.
- ❑ 29. 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.
- ❑ 30. Involvement: **Ask God to direct you and other believers to legal issues** that concern Christians.

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