



Day 28—Pray for mighty men to be used by God to end abortion with no exceptions.

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Dear Hoosier prayer warriors:

Let's begin with Scripture:

Prov. 31:8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

Prov. 31:9 Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice. (NLT)

For over the past month (since June 24th), my family and our church have been celebrating the recent Supreme Court decision to return the issues of life back to each state and their representatives. We have long prayed, the seemingly impossible prayer, that the Lord would raise up righteous men and women, full of courage, and ones who would seek to do what is right, no matter the cost. The Lord has been working behind the scenes to bring about these current events and raising up courageous men and women who seek and value truth and righteousness.

For the first time in nearly fifty years, each state can openly discuss the matters of life and stand in the gap for the unborn as well as address the serious issues that feed the decision for many young women to end the life of the baby growing in their womb. This is a new chapter for our country.

The prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament mentioned a time when the Lord stated, "I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land so that I would not destroy it...." (Ezekiel 22:30)

What kind of men and women is the Lord looking for who would be willing to stand in the gap and fulfill His purposes and bless the land (Micah 6:8)?

When Moses was overwhelmed with the responsibilities of leading the nation of Israel out of captivity, his father-in-law, Jethro, advised him to find men who were, "...able men who fear God, men of truth, [and] those who hate dishonest gain...." (Exodus 18:21) This standard was for every position of responsibility, even for leaders with jurisdiction over ten!

In today's vernacular, even our "lowest rung" elected officials should meet that same standard. **It is imperative that at every level of government representation we have men and women of character who fear God more than their peers, are people of truth and full of courage, who seek to serve rather than to be served, and who do not seek financial gain through their positions of privilege. Candidates who are fearful of defining the nature of a woman and who are sitting on the fence pertaining to life in the womb are not qualified to be our representatives regardless of their personal charisma, economic positions, or friendships.**

It is rare today to find elected representatives who are of such character. But when we see people of godly character, it is our duty to do all that we can to support them and to help them achieve what the Lord has placed on their hearts to do. It is also our duty to earnestly pray for them as they are entering a great spiritual battle and are standing in the gap for us all. By the very nature of their character, they will stand out and be contrary to the majority.

- ◆ *We pray for these men that they will be strong and courageous, not to be timid or afraid.*
- ◆ *We pray that they will be wise and discerning, and the Lord would guard them against temptation and deception.*
- ◆ *We pray that the Lord would bless their families, their children, and their relationship with their wives.*
- ◆ *We pray that the Lord would give them great influence and that He would bless their efforts with success as they stand in the gap for the unborn and their mothers.*

As an outsider, one who lives outside of Indiana and yet prays for national repentance and revival, I am grateful to see men such as Representatives Curt Nisly and John Jacob who are courageously willing to stand in the gap for

the unborn and to help the State of Indiana be a state that treasures life from the moment of conception and through all of life's variations and stages. **The Lord has raised up these men for such a time as the one we are in (Daniel 2:21; Esther 4:14).**

I've watched and followed Curt and Amy Schlichter since the 2017 launch. John Jacob's victory and teamwork with Curt were answers to our prayers, too.

Each state is being tested today to see what it truly values. The Bible speaks of a time when men and women will give lip service to the Lord, but the true nature of their hearts are far from Him and the things that He loves (Isa 29:13). Some in positions of responsibility would place personal safety and economic security above matters of life and the protection of the innocent. Though they will profess the Lord with their lips they deny His power and His work (2 Tim 3:5). **Our confidence is not in our personal strength and wisdom but in the Almighty God and Creator who can move mountains and do the impossible (Matt 19:26; Luke 18:27).**

Indiana has an opportunity to be bold and courageous and to join the association of other states that are treasuring life and trusting the Lord for great things. This is our calling. Be strong and courageous. As a nation, we have a long way to go. Indiana dealing with this may seem like a small step, but it is also a big step. Long before Roe v. Wade, our nation has been in the grip of evil. We have dug a deep hole, one never intended by our Founding Fathers. Our only hope is the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Politics will not fix this. Only Jesus can fix this. Here in California, we need Indiana to break through this evil and begin to ripple throughout the rest of our nation. You all are blessed to be in a state that is largely represented by a conservative mindset, even if you are frustrated with your politicians. I invite any of you to move to California and join us on this battlefield. We need help, too. (That's probably a hard sell for Hoosiers.)

Now is not the time to be timid. The Bible mentions a group of men, the sons of Issachar, who understood the times (1 Chron 12:32). We need such men and women, and to be such a people who understand the times that we are in and the wisdom to act accordingly. May the Lord's hand lead you and guide you as you work through this legislative session. You are in our prayers.

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URGENT UPDATE FOR THURSDAY!!!

- ◆ **SENATE BILL 1 PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY. Your phone calls and emails are essential. This is a **BAD BILL**. It does not have teeth. **BUT IF IT DID, it would ONLY PREVENT ABOUT 1% OF ABORTIONS!** This is the **BEST** the Senate can do?! C'mon man! On Tuesday, Senator Mike Young broke away from the Republican caucus in disagreement with SB 1 "picking who lives and dies," according to [Indiana Capital Chronicle](#). According to the article, Young's letter to the Senate President said, "The argument that we will save lives with the rape and incest language, while true, also commits certain innocent unborn babies to a death sentence...I don't want to be a part of a decision that chooses which babies die and which babies live." This is a courageous decision! Every Christ-follower who is a Senator should do this.**
- ◆ **SB 1 will be presented on Senate Floor today (Thursday, July 28, 2022). The amendment process will begin. This bill has MAJOR FLAWS. Please call your Senator. Ask your Senator to "Follow the lead of Senator Young, leave the caucus and be a voice for your people. We want the Nisly/Jacob language, NOT the Baby Killer bill."**
- ◆ **This phone call and this email is MOST IMPORTANT as the floor discussion begins, today. Thank you!**
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