

The National Congressional Telebriefing— Pro-Active Strategies to Unite the Nation

Learn How Government Leaders Are Spearheading the Fight for Religious Freedom

On November 12th, the CPCF hosted an extraordinary National Congressional Telebriefing with members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, including Congressman J. Randy Forbes, Senator James Lankford, Congressmen John Fleming and Congressman Rob Wittman.

Hundreds of concerned Americans like you convened for a strategic conversation with Christian lawmakers to learn more about religious liberty, the threats against us, and what we can do to safeguard our faith.

These leaders are not just giving lip service, they are genuinely concerned; and they are doing something about it. Their remarks were sincere, and their strategy clear, as they called for urgent action against the well-funded and organized anti-faith movement.



Congressman Randy Forbes, founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, took part in the National Congressional Telebriefing.

Whether you are new to this effort, forging ahead with great passion, or weary from the fight, this call is worth your time.

Congressman Forbes closed with an inspiring story about the USS Yorktown. The point being that if we keep our faith strong and make every effort to work together, even against great odds we can see this nation be a “City on a Hill” once again.

Listen to the Telebriefing at www.CPCFoundation.com to discover:

- Strategies to push back against the forces that deny our religious liberties.
- How the Congressional Prayer Caucus is making the persecution of Christians a front line issue in America and across the world.
- The vital need for Americans to live their faith in the public square.
- How “In God We Trust” is uniting people in a powerful way.
- Ways to empower the church to restore religious liberties.
- Exposing the true meaning of “separation of church and state”
- More examples of how PrayUSA is uniting pastors and government leaders in unceasing prayer for our nation.
- The extraordinary impact that Legislative Prayer Caucuses are making in overcoming judicial overreach.

PrayUSA Pennsylvania Event

On Tuesday, November 17th, hundreds of government leaders, pastors, ministry leaders and like-minded citizens joined together for a PrayUSA event in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. As participants walked into the sanctuary, **they left their titles and positions at the door and entered simply as people of faith**—unified under one banner...to humbly call the church to unceasing prayer in America’s fight for religious freedom and liberty.

Thirty-five members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Prayer Caucus took part in this historic gathering. **Both sides of the political aisle celebrated an experience that transcended denominations, race, and gender as they stood side-by-side without regard to divisions... barriers came down.**

Read more about this event at www.PrayUSA.com

Advancing the American Prayer Caucus Network

- 19 Official State Prayer Caucuses, with 4 more in process
- 15 State Directors
- Nearly 100 Members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus
- Over 500 State Legislators in the Network
- Over 900 government leaders participating in the PrayUSA movement
- LIFFT America Religious Liberty Summit in February 2016



Update on The 2015 LIFFT America Summit The Impact of This Breakthrough Event Keeps Growing



Representative Mike Hill of Florida signing the Prayer for America Proclamation at the 2015 Summit. This event inspired him and other lawmakers to call their states and our nation to unceasing prayer.

It happened in Charlotte, North Carolina, in March 2015, yet the LIFFT America Religious Liberty Summit is still having an impact.

As many as **16 members of Congress and 36 state legislators representing 25 states** took part, coming together to develop strategies to counter the anti-God forces in our country.

These government leaders launched breakthrough initiatives like PrayUSA, and the National Congressional Telebriefing, while current initiatives like the “In God We Trust. Put It Up!” campaign gained momentum. Several new Legislative Prayer Caucuses were established, adding to the impressive network of government leaders committed to protecting religious freedom and preserving America’s Judeo-Christian heritage.

“The Summit inspired me to action,” said Rep. Mike Hill from Florida, an attendee. He brought the Prayer For America Proclamation back to Florida, encouraging the Governor and cabinet members to sign. They did. He took the Proclamation to the Florida house and senate. Many of them signed.

But Rep. Hill didn’t stop there. He also brought the Prayer Proclamation back to his home town. To date, eight churches have already participated, and several more are planning to.

Rep. Hill’s next step is to take the Proclamation to city council, county commissioners, and other government leaders. “I wouldn’t have done this or thought about doing it unless I had attended the Summit,” Rep. Hill said.

Another lawmaker who was inspired to action by the Summit is Senator Larry Grooms of South Carolina. “It was at the Summit that I decided to move forward and start the South Carolina Legislative Prayer Caucus,” Sen. Grooms said. “It reminded me that there’s a greater calling.”

As a result, Sen. Grooms partnered with the CPCF to launch the 19th State Legislative Prayer Caucus in our American Prayer Caucus Network. So far, 62 lawmakers have joined the South Carolina Legislative Prayer Caucus, and more are planning to come on board. It’s gaining momentum, which is vital. The threats to religious liberty continue to increase.

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For example, in Sen. Grooms’ district, a Navy Chaplain came under fire for counseling sailors as a Christian chaplain. He was relieved of duty – fired – for sharing his faith.

“I knew I wanted to make the commitment,” Sen. Grooms said, “and attending the Summit hit home about the urgency.”

Building on the success of the Summit last March, the upcoming 2016 LIFFT America Religious Liberty Summit will take place in February in Williamsburg, Va. Your generous support makes breakthrough events like these possible. With each gift you give, you’re helping turn our nation back to God.

One Senator Energizing His State With PrayUSA

Your Support Helps Power Senator Shirkey's Heroic Efforts



Senator Shirkey is working to move his state and the whole country to prayer with the PrayUSA initiative, and your support is helping.

It comes as no surprise to Bible-believing Christians that our country is drifting from our Judeo-Christian heritage.

"You'd have to have your head in the sand," said Sen. Mike Shirkey of Michigan, "not to see evidence that our religious freedoms are under attack."

Sen. Shirkey is one of several Michigan legislators working to keep religious liberties from being trampled. He sees the PrayUSA movement as essential to his work on passing pro-active legislation and other efforts to include prayer in public policy.

"I think PrayUSA is precisely what's needed," Sen. Shirkey said. "It's a significant part of the toolkit that we need to deploy."

PrayUSA is a movement catalyzed by 52 government leaders, representing 25 states, who signed the Call to Prayer for America Proclamation at the LIFFT America Summit. To date, over 900 government leaders, 50 leading organizations and nearly 140,000 citizens have joined this historic movement.

Our elected leaders are calling on God's people to unify with one heart. Local congregations are hosting PrayUSA Sundays with pastors and government leaders standing side-by-side in a show of unity and humble petition before God.

See Actress and Producer Roma Downey call Americans to pray for our nation through the PrayUSA Initiative. Watch the video by visiting www.PrayUSA.com

Taking action, Sen. Shirkey has introduced the Prayer for America Proclamation into seven churches in his state so far. "In each of the services, the Proclamations were signed," he said. "These folks committed themselves to unceasing prayer for our nation." That's vital.

"The PrayUSA message is solid and appropriate," Sen. Shirkey said. "I think this strategy is vital to coach church leaders and congregations to become comfortable talking about religious freedom in churches."

The anti-God forces keep blocking prayer and promoting their false narratives. They want to destroy the Judeo-Christian tradition that has made this country great. But PrayUSA is how we fight back.

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"That first church that I went into to present the PrayUSA Proclamation – I wasn't sure how they'd react," said Sen. Shirkey. "But the response from the congregation was so overwhelmingly positive that it made it easy to go to the rest of the churches."

Church-going people sometimes aren't used to seeing a politician at the pulpit issuing a call to action. But in the end, they're grateful that government leaders are standing up and speaking out about religious liberty.

"After I talked about PrayUSA in those churches," the senator said, "the pastors responded, wanting to get updates, and the people in the congregation wanted to know what else they could do."

This is one example of how the PrayUSA movement spearheaded by our government leaders is advancing across the country. PrayUSA is making a difference, and it's growing because of your generous support.



Putting God Back Up in America Through Our National Motto

How Representative Saccone Is Preserving Our Religious Heritage

It's surprising, but most Americans don't know that "In God We Trust" is our National Motto.

In 2011, members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus initiated a resolution (H. Res. 13) to reaffirm the National Motto. In a landslide vote (396 to 9), the House of Representatives encouraged the public display of our National Motto on government buildings, schools and classrooms.

As a result of the vote, the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation launched the "In God We Trust. Put It Up!" Campaign.

Now over 100 "In God We Trust" displays are hanging in congressional offices. Public high schools are participating in art contests focusing on "In God We Trust." And organizations are making "In God We Trust" their national theme for 2016. Churches are mobilizing members to put up yard signs, while others are contacting elected leaders about displaying the motto.

"This motto brought our country together when it was the most divided," said Rep. Saccone of Pennsylvania. "And I believe it can teach our country to unite again."



Rep. Rick Saccone and his wife, Yong, at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

"Our National Motto started in Pennsylvania," Rep. Rick Saccone said. "Before James Pollock was our 13th governor, he was a congressman and a contemporary of someone you've probably heard of – Abraham Lincoln."

President Lincoln appointed James Pollock as the director of the U.S. Mint. During the Civil War, Mr. Pollock got a letter from a pastor in Pennsylvania about

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how something was urgently needed to honor God and unite our nation. James Pollock instructed that "In God We Trust" be placed on our coins. And later, in 1956, President Eisenhower signed the law making it official.

Rep. Saccone is one of the many passionate advocates working with pastors, churches, civic organizations, media, and celebrities to take part in the "In God We Trust. Put It Up!" campaign.

"We're working so that 'In God We Trust' will be displayed everywhere the flag is displayed."

We're working so that "In God We Trust" will be displayed everywhere the flag is displayed, and people will honor, acknowledge, and celebrate our National Motto once again. These four powerful words can unite our country in prayer, and your support is helping to make it happen.