



# INTERCESSORS FOR LOUISIANA

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

*ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF INFORMED INTERCESSORS WHO ARE CALLED BY GOD  
TO PRAY FOR GOVERNMENT SO THAT HIS PURPOSES WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LOUISIANA*

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**January 11, 2009**

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## **I. PRAYER AT STATE CAPITOL TUESDAY NIGHT JANUARY 13**

Join us in Senate Committee Room A at 7 p.m. this coming Tuesday night to pray for our leaders in our nation and state. 2009 is going to be a challenging year and our leaders need our prayers. So, we ask you to mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and plan to be with us. We need you to help us stand in the gap. Ezekiel 22:30 "So I looked for a man among them who would stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

## **II. NEW YEAR PREPARATION & ENCOURAGEMENT**

A pilgrim was making his way to the Promised Land. He was carrying his Master's cross, a burden he cheerfully accepted. Becoming weary, the Pilgrim paused to rest. As he basked in the sunlight, he watched a woodsman nearby hew a tree in the forest. "Good friend," called the Pilgrim, "may I use your ax to shorten my cross. As I journey it grows so heavy." "Indeed," cried the woodsman, and without hesitation he obliged.

The Pilgrim traveled on making much progress. The cross was shorter now and his burden much lighter. In no time at all the Promised Land was in sight. Drawing near he saw that a deep gulf separated him from the glories beyond. He would use the cross to span the divide. Though he struggled mightily to span that divide with that cross, it fell short by the amount he had removed.

Suddenly, with tears streaming down his face he awoke. It had been a dream, and clutching his cross to his breast, the Pilgrim pressed on. The cross was just as heavy, but its burden was lighter. (Copied)

## **FRONTLINE FIGHTING Ephesians 6:10-24 (The Outline Bible)**

### **A. The exhortation (6:10-11a, 13, 18-20) Paul issues a fourfold exhortation.**

1. Be strong (6:10): Find your strength in God's mighty power.
2. Prepare yourself (6:11a) Put on the full armor of God.
3. Stand firm (6:13)
4. Pray always (6:18-20)

### **B. The enemy (6:11b-12) Satan.**

1. His craftiness (6:11b)
2. His cohorts (6:12) The wicked demons of Satan's kingdom.

### **C. The equipment (6:14-17)**

1. The belt of truth (6:14a)
2. The body armor of God's righteousness (6:14b)
3. The sandals of the Good News (6:15)
4. The shield of faith (6:16)
5. The helmet of salvation (6:17a)
6. The sword of the Spirit (6:17b)

### **D. The envoy (6:21-22) Paul is sending Tychicus, a faithful helper in the Lord's work, to encourage and inform the Ephesians concerning Paul's welfare.**

**E. The benediction** (6:22-23) “May God give you peace, dear friends, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God’s grace be upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.”

### **III. GOVERNMENTAL PRAYER**

#### **A. Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal**

“Today, folks everywhere are making their New Year’s resolutions. One of my resolutions this year is to continue the mission that you and I started almost one year ago – creating a New Louisiana. Together, we made historic reforms in 2008, and with your help, we will continue to pursue important priorities in 2009 for further strengthening our workforce and developing our economy to make Louisiana the best place in the world to raise a family and pursue a great career.

“We will continue our work to attract more business investment – we have already had three headquarters move to Louisiana from other states this year alone! And, we will work to improve our health care system by expanding coverage and giving patients more information and choices about their health care.” (To receive his emails see

[www.bobbyjindal.com](http://www.bobbyjindal.com)) (For more info see [www.gov.state.la.us](http://www.gov.state.la.us), and [www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us) )

#### **B. U.S. President & Staff**

##### **Obama Administration | 111th Congress**

Intercede by name for the Obama Administration Cabinet and other key advisory and staff appointments that are being made. ([Click here](#) for an updated list.)

### **PRAYER POINTS**

#### **Pray That Our Leaders Will**

##### **\* Love the Truth**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10-12** "And with all deception of wickedness for those who are being lost, because they didn't receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. Because of this, God sends them a working of error, that they should believe a lie."

##### **\* Have Wisdom**

**Proverbs 4:5-8.** "Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth. Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her."

**Psalms 119:98-100** "Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for your commandments are always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, because I have kept your precepts."

##### **\* Display Courage and Integrity**

**Proverbs 10:9.** "He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out."

**Proverbs 11:3** "The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them."

##### **\* Be Sharp In Insight and Quick in Discernment**

**1 John 4:1.** "Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil."

**1 Thessalonians 5:21, 22** "Beloved, don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

##### **\* Surround Themselves With Good Staff Members and Advisers**

**Psalms 1:1.** "Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers."

**Proverbs 29:12** "If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked."

**Proverbs 24:6** "For by wise guidance you wage your war; and victory is in many advisors."

##### **\* Enjoy God's Protection Over Themselves and Their Families**

**Psalms 46:1-3** "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we won't be afraid, though the earth changes, though the mountains are shaken into the heart of the seas; Though the waters of it roar and are troubled, though the mountains tremble with their swelling."

### **IV. INVITATION TO JOIN CONFERENCE CALL PRAYER SOUTH CENTRAL UNITED STATES**

Coordinated by Capitol Hill Prayer Partners and National Day of Prayer

South Central U.S. is standing guard all night on Tuesday Nights from January 4 to February 4 ... the Night Watch is from 12 midnight to 6 AM Eastern Time. IFL has been invited to participate in this conference call prayer. Please contact Carolyn for the telephone number and code and try to join as Louisiana prays for our own nation and Israel. ([chatcher1@cox.net](mailto:chatcher1@cox.net) or 225-667-8163). We can email you more information on prayer points to use to intercede.

The Schedule in Central Times...

11 PM – 1 AM – Texas

12: 45 – 2 AM – Tennessee

1:45 – 3 AM – Louisiana

2: 45 – 5 AM – Kentucky and Arkansas

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**Join us for prayer at the Capitol on the second Tuesday of each month in a Legislative Committee Room,  
7:00 p.m.  
Next prayer meeting January 13**

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