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The Mandate to “Pray Without Ceasing”

America may be at war with itself, but the Lord will listen to his people

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority... --1 Timothy 2:1, 2

Federal indictments of Paul Manafort and business partner Rick Gates for possible money-laundering and collusion with a foreign government, coupled with a burgeoning movement to impeach President Donald Trump, led by billionaire homosexual activist Tim Steyer, signal more turbulence ahead for the newly installed Republican administration. However, much like silent, but steadily moving red-hot molten lava, Trump’s ground game is anything but stalled.

It is no secret that pro-conservative news is systematically spiked by the New York Times, The Washington Post, and sundry other media outlets. But, following, are some very recent GOOD NEWS items (edited for space) that we have compiled for our mutual encouragement.

“TRUMP ADMIN REVERSES OBAMA POLICY: ‘GENDER IDENTITY’ NOT A PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHT

In a reversal of federal policy that pleased marriage advocates and angered LGBTQI groups, the U.S. Dept of Justice issued a memo interpreting the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as not intended to apply to transgenders. Attorney General Jeff Sessions wrote to...federal prosecutors that on “all pending and future matters” the DOJ will go by what Congress originally intended and not add unforeseen deviances when enforcing laws regarding equal treatment on the basis of ‘sex.’

...The Department of Justice cannot expand the law beyond what Congress has provided,” Justice Department spokesman Devin O’Malley elaborated. “Unfortunately, the last administration abandoned that fundamental principle, which necessitated today’s action.”¹

“TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ENDS RULE REQUIRING NUNS TO FUND CONTRACEPTION

The Trump administration issued an order today ending the federal requirement that employers violate their consciences to participate in the provision of employees’ contraceptives and abortifacient drugs. [When the Obama administration] began this mandate... The Little Sisters of the Poor...who care for the elderly, along with...other religious entities, refused to comply.

After eight years of...relentless assault on the First Amendment, the Trump administration has taken concrete steps that will once again erect a bulwark of protection around America's First Freedom—religious freedom,” said Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council.”²

“PRESIDENT TRUMP: EMPOWER THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME TO ‘PURSUE THE AMERICAN DREAM’

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month is being celebrated in October, and *Townhall.com* says Donald Trump has become the first U.S. president to recognize it in 24 years.

“*CBSnews.com* reported in August that nearly 100 percent of women who received a positive test for Down Syndrome terminated their pregnancies.”³

Trump says people affected by Down Syndrome should be treated with dignity and respect, and

should be lauded for overcoming great odds to succeed in our society. He also gave kudos to the family members and caregivers of those individuals affected.”

“TRUMP ADMIN PULLS US OUT OF UNESCO CITING ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS

The US State Department has announced the United States will withdraw from the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) after a series of decisions by the UN body displayed what the Trump administration sees as clear hostility toward Israel.

In May of this year, UNESCO voted on Israel's Independence Day to approve a resolution rejecting any legal or historical claims by Israel to the City of Jerusalem, a move strongly condemned by the Israeli government.”⁴

“TRUMP INSTRUCTS DOJ TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The Trump administration strongly protected the free exercise of religion today by reversing Obama-era policies with new legal guidance...by Attorney General Jeff Sessions...The guidance reminds agencies of their obligations under federal law to protect religious liberty, and summarizes twenty key principles of religious-liberty protections that agencies can use in that effort...

On specific policies, the guidance states that government may not exclude religious organizations from secular aid programs and the IRS may not enforce the Johnson Amendment which restricts tax-exempt organizations, including churches and religious organizations, from endorsing or opposing candidates for elected office.”⁵

“BACHMANN’S LIGHT CUTTING THRU *U.N.* DARKNESS

While speaking about her new ministry to the U.N. before congregants at her ministry’s sponsor—Skyline Church in San Diego, California—former U.S. Rep Michelle Bachmann addressed the challenges she faces as she endeavors to shine God’s Truth on the corruption that has gripped the international organization. [She says] ‘...I don’t know of a darker, more deceived place on Earth than the U.N., because at the Tower of Babel—that’s probably the last time we saw all the nations of the Earth come together in a moment of deception.’

[Bachmann]...held the first prayer and worship service at the U.N. last week [saying] it’s her goal to make that a weekly occurrence...”⁶

For nearly four decades, Donald Trump enjoyed celebrity status in business, sports, entertainment, and political circles. His swagger, quick temper, and frequent vulgarities, were never known to hinder his varied relationships (save for perhaps Rosie O’Donnell). So, what changed all that? For starters, we think choosing Mike Pence as a running mate, and encouraging evangelical pastors to gather with him for prayer in the Oval Office would likely set the *hordes-of-Hell* on edge.

Indeed, none of us who are regular church attendees, are much bother to the enemy of our souls until we bend our knees in prayer.

U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black sees many doors beginning to open in the halls of Congress which he attributes to fervent on-going prayer. His advice to the Church, is to **pray without ceasing** (1Thes 5:17). Chaplain Black adds that prayer is the only thing God has asked us to do without ceasing.⁷

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¹ lifesitenews.com/news/justice-dept-reverses-obama-pro-transgender-interpretation-of-60s-civil-rights

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³ Charisma News, 10/6/2017

⁴ cbn.com/cbnnews/israel/2017/october/trump-admin-pulls-us-out-of-unesco-citing-anti-israel-bias

⁵ lc.org/newsroom/details/100617-trump-instructs-doj-to-protect-religious-freedom

⁶ onenewsnow.com/church/2017/10/12/bachmanns-light-cutting-thru-uns-darkness

⁷ cbn.com, 02/21/2017