

Mission Prayer Movement: United States of America

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Updates & prayer points:

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The Pentagon reported that a fishing boat smuggling more than 2,000 AK-47 assault rifles from Iran to Yemen was intercepted by the U.S. Navy. The Navy asserted that providing weapons to Houthi rebels is a violation of a United Nations Security Council resolution and also violates international law.

- *Pray for the morale of American service members wherever they are deployed or stationed.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S FREEDOM

A former mail carrier in Pennsylvania who is an evangelical Christian has filed suit against the United States Postal Service for religious bias after they reprimanded him for refusing to deliver packages on Sunday. Although lower courts dismissed his claim that the USPS violated federal anti-discrimination law, the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the former mail carrier's appeal.

- *Pray for the Supreme Court justices as they take up cases that have a direct relationship to the exercise of religious freedom.*

PRAY FOR JUSTICE IN AMERICA

A U.S. District Court in Oregon ruled that religious universities can receive federal funding in the form of federal aid for students without having to abandon their faith beliefs. Senior counsel for the colleges said, "The government shouldn't strip students of their financial aid just because they attend a school with widely-held religious beliefs, and this case impacts everybody. People of every faith would have to fall in line with government orthodoxy or suffer severe penalties... religious students deserve the same access to financial aid as every other student."

- Give thanks for members of the federal judiciary who uphold the religious rights of Americans.

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S EDUCATION

A college group known as Free Speech has sued Oklahoma State University over policies that censor students' "opinionated" viewpoints. They say the policies are designed to suppress or silence student speech over political and social issues, a violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of students.

Two school board members in Paris, Maine, were recalled by community members for promoting a gender identity policy that would hide student gender transitions from parents. One resident said, "I feel that parents do have the right to know what's going

on in their schools, especially with their children. And I don't think that was right for them to make those decisions without informing the parents.”

- Pray for administrators and school board members as they make policy decisions about transgender issues and the informing of parents.

PRAY FOR AMERICA'S LEADERS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

- Pray for members of the federal government who are attending the World Economic Forum in Switzerland.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

- Pray for members of Congress as they investigate matters that have a direct impact on the nation's security.

JUDICIAL BRANCH: PRAY FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND FEDERAL JUDGES

- Pray for the judicial panels that make up the Courts of Appeal, whose decisions remain final when the Supreme Court declines further challenges.

宣教祈禱運動：美國

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最新情況和代禱事項:

為我們的軍隊禱告:

噸他五角大樓報告稱，一艘從伊朗向也門走私 2000 多支 AK-47 突擊步槍的漁船被美國海軍攔截。海軍聲稱，向胡塞叛軍提供武器違反了聯合國安理會決議，也違反了國際法。

- *為部署或駐紮的美國軍人的士氣禱告。*

為美國的自由禱:

賓夕法尼亞州一位前郵遞員是一名福音派基督徒，在美國郵政局因他週日拒絕投遞包裹而受到譴責後，他再次以宗教偏見為由提起訴訟。儘管下級法院駁回了他關於美國郵政局違反聯邦反歧視法的指控，但美國最高法院已同意審理這位前郵遞員的上訴。

- 為最高法院的法官們禱告，因為他們的審理會直接影響行使宗教的自由。

為美國的公義禱告：

美國俄勒岡州地方法院裁定，宗教大學學生可以以聯邦援助的形式獲得聯邦資助，而不必放棄他們的信仰。大學的高級法律顧問說：“政府不應該僅僅因為學生上的是宗教學校就剝奪他們的經濟資助，這個案子影響到每個人。任何信仰的人都必須與政府的正統觀念保持一致，否則將受到嚴厲的懲罰……有信仰的學生應該與其他學生一樣獲得經濟援助。”

- 感謝維護美國人宗教權利的聯邦司法機構成員。

為美國教育禱告：

一個名為 **Free Speech** 的大學團體起訴俄克拉荷馬州立大學審查學生“固執己見”觀點的政策。他們說，這些政策旨在壓制學生就政治和社會問題發表的言論，這侵犯了學生的第一和第十四修正案權利。

緬因州巴黎市的兩名學校董事會成員被社區成員召回，原因是他們推行一項性別認同政策，該政策會向父母隱瞞學生的性別轉變。一位居民說：“我覺得家長確實有權知道學校裡發生的事情，尤其是他們孩子的情況。我認為他們在不通知父母的情況下做出這些決定是不對的。”

- 為管理人員和學校董事會成員祈禱，祈求他們在製定有關跨性別問題的政策決定時會通知家長。

為美國領導人禱告：

行政部門：為總統和他的政府祈禱

- 為參加瑞士世界經濟論壇的聯邦政府成員代禱。

立法部門：為參議員和國會代表祈禱

- 為國會議員祈禱，因為他們正在調查對國家安全有直接影響的問題。

司法部門：為最高法院法官和聯邦法官禱告

- 為組成上訴法院的司法小組祈禱，當最高法院拒絕進一步的挑戰時，他們的決定仍然是最終決定。