



WEEKLY PRAYER | *Focus*

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Key prayer needs for America's Leaders

PRAY FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

The President will be traveling to the Gulf Coast to visit the Hurricane Katrina damaged areas; he has extended by executive order efforts for the rebuilding of that area.

On the eighth anniversary of the start of the war in Afghanistan, President Obama is meeting with Congressional advisors in a closed-door session to consider alternative strategies for the prosecution of the war effort.

Pray for President Obama to seek wisdom in all of his deliberations.

PRAY FOR OUR CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS

Lawmakers are working on bills that would force banks to disclose and potentially curb potentially exorbitant overdraft and other fees.

Members of both the House and Senate await costs on health care reform proposals from the Congressional Budget Office.

Pray for our legislators to seek wisdom and the proper course of action as they listen to their constituencies.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY

Justice Sotomayor took her place at the Bench of the Supreme Court as they began their session this week.

Free speech, religious freedoms, gun control, campaign finance, and death penalty issues, among others, are all before the Court this session.

Pray as the Constitution and Bill of Rights are scrutinized for nuance that will affect the lives of all Americans.

PRAY FOR THESE LEADERS THIS WEEK

John Holdren, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. He is the ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, and is ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies.

Katherine Twomey, Clerk for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

General Stanley A. McChrystal, top commander for Afghanistan as Commander of International Security Assistance Force and Commander of U. S. Forces in Afghanistan.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:

THE WAR

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of American forces in Afghanistan, met with President Obama aboard Air Force One in London last week. Members of Congress are criticizing him for making public his request for more troops.

The Army announced that **Gen. David Patraeus** had successfully completed six months of radiation therapy for early stage prostate cancer.

Pray for these Generals who face not only the outrages of war, but politics at home and health issues.

TERRORISM

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing of the United Nation's World Food Program headquarters in Islamabad, Pakistan, that killed five employees and wounded five others.

In Istanbul, Turkish police employed water cannon and other means to disburse protestors against the IMF while their annual international meeting was being held.

Pray for those who defend law and order at home and around the world.

THE ECONOMY

The Bank of America is likely to be the first target of the Obama Administration's "pay czar" Kenneth Feinberg, for scaling back executive pay.

Secretary of Homeland Security, **Janet Napolitano**, is announcing plans that would allow illegal immigrants not considered a threat to be taken out of American jails. Detainees who are not criminals would be kept in hotels and nursing homes, according to leaks of the plans.

Pray for the many decisions that are made in different parts of government that carry economic results to the families of America.

ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Recent clashes that have erupted between Muslim and Jewish worshippers in the Old City of Jerusalem, resulting in deployment of thousands of Israeli police.

Mohammed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), announced that Iran will allow inspectors to visit its newly-revealed uranium enrichment site on October 25.

Pray for peace in Jerusalem

HEALTH CARE

Three Americans have won the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their research on keeping chromosomes from degrading at their ends during cell division – a potential boon in relation to cancer and aging.

Most states still await their initial supply of the H1N1 vaccines, to be given to health-care workers first, while the virus is rapidly increasing nationwide.

Pray for those who research and manufacture benefits to the health and welfare of our citizens.