

APRIL 2017

**“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6**

**“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert
in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2**

Dear Friends,

Your prayers for the work of Advocates International are a great encouragement to us. We certainly couldn't do what we do without your support and for that we are incredibly grateful. This month, we'd like to invite you to continue praying with us for our Advocates around the globe. Included with this letter is our Advocates Prayer Calendar. Join with us in praying for the many meetings, conferences, legal cases and new engagements of our colleagues around the globe. We pray for each region on a different day of the week, our Global Council and Board on Saturdays and our staff on Sundays.

We'd also like to share with you a little bit more about a new prayer outreach strategy we're calling "Airforce and Ground-Force Unite." As I mentioned in last month's letter, one of the key outcomes of our involvement at the World Prayer Assembly in 2012 is our relationship with a number of key global prayer initiatives, including International Prayer Connections, headed up by John Robb III. What I didn't share is that I used to work for John's father, John Robb, Jr., when I worked for the Christian Legal Society seven years ago.

We are excited to connect our Global Council members and other key leaders with Prayer initiatives in their own regions, and in turn to be able to provide critical intelligence for them to know how to better pray for the Church in their nations. On the back of this letter is our Advocates International Leaders Prayer Initiative.

Thanks also for your prayers for my travel this month as I will be in Brasilia, Brazil for the Religious Liberty Partnership Consultation from April 3-6. I will also be meeting with former Global Council member, Gilberto Ribeiro in São Paulo, and speaking to a group of lawyers and judges (including one whom I met last month in Peru) on April 7. Thanks for your continued prayers and financial support that allow us to encourage, enable and equip our advocates around the globe.

May the Lord bless and keep you in His perfect . . .

Grace and Peace,



Brent M. McBurney
President & CEO





ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL LEADERS PRAYER INITIATIVE AIRFORCE AND GROUND-FORCE UNITE

In recognition of the need for prayer support of strategic and proven legal professionals engaged in the redemption of legal systems in the nations, coupled with the need for effective prayer warriors to be armed with state of the art intelligence concerning threats and opportunities in the Kingdom, this appeal is made to advance these important dynamics in the body of Christ.

We have witnessed powerful outcomes when prayer and strategic action combine, in many nations. As an example, in South Australia, for 8 years not one piece of anti- family legislation passed our parliament because of the grace of God and the cooperation between parliamentarians and faithful intercessors. Just last December the 15th attempt to introduce euthanasia was miraculously defeated in the same way—at 4.30 am after an all-night of warfare.

We appeal to the readers to consider whether there is a resonance with the mission and vision of Advocates International reproduced below and a particular region listed below which has a well-established leadership.

Once those of you to whom our Lord is speaking have been identified, we can consider how to best match you to the leaders in their physical regions. A segment may be identified of those of you who have a burden to pray in accordance with specific issues such as the sanctity of life or religious freedom, rather than a particular region and this can also be accommodated. Other synergies and combinations may emerge.

Vision Statement

A worldwide fellowship of advocates bearing witness of Jesus Christ through the legal profession.

Mission Statement

To encourage equip and enable advocates to meet locally, organize nationally, cooperate regionally, and link globally to protect and promote (i) integrity under rule of law, (ii) peace and reconciliation, (iii) doing justice with compassion, (iv) the sanctity of life, (v) religious freedom, and (vi) the family and community.

Further background can be obtained from advocatesinternational.org

If you are moved by this appeal please contact

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PRAYER CALENDAR: SPRING

Mondays: Advocates Africa

- Pray for the planning of the **12th Advocates Africa Conference**, August 16-20, 2017 in Accra, Ghana.
- Continue to pray for peace in South Sudan and Somalia.
- Pray for this year's elections in Kenya that they may go peacefully.
- Please pray that Advocates Africa may open fellowships for lawyers in several more countries.

Tuesdays: Advocates Asia and Oceania

- Pray for the development of the Indonesian Christian Legal Society, especially as it liaises with the government on law reform. Please also pray favour for Governor Ahok (Jakarta region) concerning elections and his ongoing blasphemy trial.
- Pray for God's will being done in the High Court of Australia concerning the seat of the Federal Senator from South Australia, and its implications for the entire nation.
- Pray for efforts of our Advocates Korea colleagues as they are working closely with the churches in South Korea to preserve a Godly heritage for their nation.

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

- Pray for the unity in Christian faith of the four regions of Europe with certain challenges; West and East; North and South. Praise God for the success of the annual European Religious Liberty Forum.
- Pray for Christian faith to lead in the country of **Bulgaria**. Pray for the lawyers of Rule of Law Institute Bulgaria. Pray for the Peacemaker Seminar this month for the Christian lawyers in South Bulgaria. Pray for the National Conference of Rule of law Institute to take place in June this year. Pray for the extraordinary Parliamentary election to take place this month. They also want to praise the Lord because they have registered the first licensed 24/7 Christian TV started last year. This result had been object of prayer for the last 22 years.
- Pray for the growth of a new generation of Christian young students in law and lawyers to back the efforts of the **Christian Lawyers Association in Ukraine** and their Rule of law Institute.
- Pray for the wisdom and unity, given by the Holy Spirit at the meeting this month in London where a delegation from **Christ und Jurist** will meet the leaders of **Lawyers Christian Fellowship** (UK) to prepare the ground for the future International Congress of Christian Lawyers in Europe to be held in Berlin in **April 20-22, 2018**.
- Pray for **Christ und Jurist** (Germany) to prepare their national conference (Bundestagung) in May, and this meeting to be blessed and attended by many lawyers. Pray also for the annual summer college in September with expected 20 participants and for the Holy Spirit to touch their hearts to live their faith in their profession.
- Please pray for the Polish fellowship to grow and to attend the International Congress in Berlin.

Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

- Pray for the Religious Liberty Partnership (RLP) Consultation in Brasilia **April 3-6**.
- Please pray for the **12th Interamerican Convention of Christian Jurists** (XII Convención Interamericana de Juristas Cristianos – CIAJC) in Rio de Janeiro (November 16-19, 2017).
- Pray for direction and guidance from the Lord in everything that is being planned (RLP Consultation and XII CIAJC) and that the results will be of blessing to His people.
- Guatemala: For the **Guatemalan Association of Christian Lawyers and Notaries** (*Asociación Guatemalteca de Abogados y Notarios Cristianos - AGANC*) so that the Lord will grant them revival, renewal and growth.

Fridays: Advocates North America & Caribbean

- A case was filed in Trinidad and Tobago seeking the removal of the laws against buggery. This has also happened in Jamaica. They are in the process of trying to intervene in the proceedings as interested parties in both jurisdictions. They need help, wisdom and God's guidance. As the cases develop, pray that the right lawyers will be engaged and for success.
- Please pray for the ongoing efforts of the **Christian Legal Society** (USA) and the Center for Law and Religious Freedom, as they continue to tackle religious freedom issues, serve churches and minister to lawyers and law students across the USA.
- Please pray for the **Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF Canada)**. The Canadian Supreme Court will hear two appeals regarding the Trinity Western University Law School case and CLF has been involved at every level of the cases thus far. CLF is also involved in case regarding freedom of religion, religious equality and conscience rights for health care professionals in Canada, particularly involving end of life matters.

Saturdays: Advocates Global Council & Board Members

Global Council – Exec. Committee: Chairman, Min Choon Lee (Malaysia); Vice Chair, Teresa Conradie (South Africa); Secretary, Gregory Vijayendran (Singapore); Treasurer, Mark Mudri (Australia); At-Large, Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria); At-Large, Elizabeth de Larios (Guatemala).

Members – Africa: Dr. Bankole Sodipo (Nigeria); Hon. Mike Chibita (Uganda); **Asia:** Robin David (India); Dongsub Sim (South Korea); **Europe:** Eliseo Gomez (Spain); Peter Gegenwart (Germany); **Latin America:** Uziel Santana (Brazil); Grisel Arrecis (Guatemala); **Middle East:** vacant (please pray for new representative); **North America/Caribbean:** welcome to our newest member, **Bob Trierweiler** (USA); Justice Alice Soo Hon (Trinidad & Tobago); Ruth Ross (Canada);

AI Board: Chairperson, Ruth Ross (Canada); Vice-Chairmen, Calvin Beresh (Canada) and Jeffrey Brauch (Treasurer) (USA); Secretary, Sam Logan (USA); Matt Bristol (USA); Timothy Klenk (USA); Hee Eun Lee (South Korea); Peter Rathbun (USA); Roger Sherrard (USA)(health issues); Ken Starr (USA); and Morse Tan (USA)

Sundays: Advocates Staff & Family

Please pray for our new Office Administrator Daniela Ancalle; Mark Mudri and his wife Lynn; and Brent McBurney, his wife Elizabeth, son Ian and daughter Sarah Louise.