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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." - President Ronald Reagan

## ***National Prayer Points***

**State Department: The First-Ever Ministerial To Advance Religious Freedom - July 25-26**

"Promoting and defending religious freedom is a priority for this Administration. To elevate the effort to ensure that everyone is able to live in accordance with the dictates of their conscience, Secretary Pompeo will host the Ministerial To Advance Religious Freedom in Washington on July 25-26. We will convene government and religious leaders, religious advocates, and civil society from around the world to discuss challenges, identify concrete means to push back against persecution and discrimination, and ensure greater respect for religious freedom for all."

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## ***International Prayer Points***

**Canada: University Denied Accreditation Because Of Fundamental Beliefs**

"Societies governing the legal profession have the right to deny accreditation to a proposed law school at a Christian university in British Columbia, the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled."

**India: Pledge To End Anti-Conversion Laws**

"A persecution watchdog organization says the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, a state in northeastern India, claims he will take steps to repeal the state's freedom of religion law, more commonly known as an anti-conversion law, which targets Christians. William Stark of International Christian Concern says the law's ambiguity has been widely abused by Hindu nationalists to harass and intimidate Christians as they share and practice their faith."

**Turkey: Imprisoned Pastor's Trial - July 18**

A recent report from CBN News quotes a Turkish newspaper (Hürriyet Daily News) article which offers hope that the Turkish government could possibly release Pastor Andrew Brunson at his next court hearing, July 18.

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## ***State Prayer Points***

Religious Liberty Legislation: Continue praying consistently and fervently for the successful passage of legislation effectively protects our Judeo-Christian heritage and First Amendment Rights. Also, pray that bills and resolutions undermine our Rights will be unsuccessful.

The CPCF legal team has researched best practices legislation and provided talking points on various religious freedom topics to assist legislators. [Download their Report](#). [View a model school invocation policy](#).

### **MD: Fourth Circuit Calling For War Memorial In Shape Of Cross To Be Demolished**

CPCF Legal Team: The case involves the Bladensburg Peace Cross, a memorial to area men who died in the First World War. It has stood since 1925 without bothering anyone until in 2014 the American Humanist Association felt the monument violates the Constitution's establishment clause. The district judge tossed the case, holding that the amount of government money that is spent on upkeep does not endorse religion. The Fourth Circuit held 2-1 that it offends the First Amendment. On the petition for rehearing en banc the court declined by 8-6. Pray that the Supreme Court takes this case and reverses the Fourth Circuit ruling.

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## ***Prayer for the American Prayer Caucus Network and CPCFoundation***

The American Prayer Caucus Network is a nationwide network of nearly 1,000 federal and state elected leaders who are standing for faith and impacting the culture. Please join us in praying daily for them, their families, and staff.

Each week Congress is in session, members of Congressional Prayer Caucus meet before votes to pray in Room of the U.S. Capitol. Please pray for the CPC to continue to grow and be increasingly effective for generations to come.

Pray for our President and all Those in Authority

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Tim. 2, Psalm 91

Include: Judicial Branch, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Military, Faith Leaders, First Responders, Etc.

The Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation

The [Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation](#), a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization created to support government leaders who wish to partner prayer with legislative and citizen action to protect our Judeo-Christian heritage and religious freedom. Please pray for the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation team, our State Directors, legal team, Board of Directors, web developers, technical team, production team, design and graphics team, CPCF intercessors and donors.

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[Email me](#) to join the CPCF Prayer Team! Commit to praying for the Members and families of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, The American Prayer Caucus Network, and the CPCFoundation.

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## ***Prayer for Anti-Faith Groups***

Freedom From Religion Foundation  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Humanists Association  
American Atheists  
Secular Coalition for America  
Military Religious Freedom Foundation

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For more information about this prayer initiative, contact [Summer Ingram](#), National Director of Prayer and Mobilization for the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation.

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