



LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

March: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

“Equal Justice Under Law.”

March 1776 found Philadelphia alive and boisterous with debates, speeches, and sermons on the great questions of rights, resistance, and rebellion. Members of Congress coordinated the war effort while wrestling with the future of the colonies. Blacksmiths forged weapons as militia companies drilled in the streets. Taverns buzzed with argument; church pews filled with worshipers hearing sermons on God-given rights and the moral meaning of liberty. Philadelphia was the nerve center of the American Revolution—electric with events that would soon reshape the world.

In time, the conversations shifted from *if* the colonies should form a free and independent nation to *when* that nation would be born and *what* form its government should take. At the foundation of every debate stood the concept of freedom—freedom from the absolute rule of a monarch, freedom to worship according to one’s faith without coercion, and the freedoms secured when government is limited and restrained from violating God-given rights.

From these convictions emerged our system of checks and balances. No single branch of government would be able to impose its will—especially in matters touching religion and conscience.

Today, many religious liberty conflicts arise within the Executive Branch, as federal agencies write regulations, enforce rules, and interact directly with citizens. Agencies such as the IRS, HHS, Department of Education, Department of Justice, Department of War, EEOC, OSHA, and DHS often issue policies, rules, regulations, and procedures that ultimately require interpretation by the Judicial Branch.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty invites your partnership in praying for the members of the Judicial Branch—the judges, justices, clerks, and officers who must confront the difficult questions of how, and whether, to limit executive power, particularly in matters of religious liberty.

The judicial branch faces some of its hardest and most delicate work when it hears religious liberty cases. These cases sit at the intersection of conscience, law, and public life, requiring judges to navigate competing rights, unclear boundaries, and rapidly shifting cultural expectations.

Let us pray that God would guide the judges and justices of our nation with wisdom, fairness, and integrity. May He keep them steadfast in truth, humble in spirit, and faithful in their duty to uphold what is right. Protect them from partiality, and grant them courage to judge with righteousness and compassion.

Let Us Pray:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 1 Timothy 2:1 ESV

Father, we pray for judges and court officials, that they may seek to do what is right in Your eyes and that all their decisions would be founded in justice and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide judges, lawmakers, attorneys, and those in any authority to act with compassion and understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Encourage:

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for those people and organizations that comprise the Judicial Branch of the United States government beginning with the Supreme Court, followed by the U.S. Courts of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts.

Not only do we ask that you would pray, but that you would share this prayer request with your family, friends, neighbors, and congregation.

Please see:

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/biographies.aspx>
for the list of current members of the Supreme Court.

Please feel free to personalize this bookmark with the name(s) of the members of the Judicial Branch that you will pray for in March, cut it out and keep it in your Bible for handy reference.

