

June Prayer and Praise Items

CLA Protects Witnessing.

Praise the Lord that a **California** youth group was permitted to continue witnessing door-to-door after a local sheriff told the teens they needed a permit. When attorneys for CLA contacted the sheriff's supervisor, he was very knowledgeable about the First Amendment and apologized profusely, even telling CLA to make sure to encourage the teens to continue with their activities and to contact him directly if they encountered any future problems. The supervisor spoke to the sheriff individually and also provided training for the entire department in First Amendment rights.

Praise the Lord that a soul winner was permitted to distribute Gospel tracts at a city bus terminal in **Washington** state. Security agents had tried to shut the distribution down, but after attorneys for CLA contacted the terminal authority, security agents were told to allow the distribution.

CLA Helps Pastors Stand up for Public Prayer.

Praise the Lord that a church in **Oregon** was permitted to advertise its National Day of Prayer service on a community bulletin board. City officials were reluctant, fearing a "separation of church and state" problem, but told the church it could advertise if it could provide legal support. Attorneys for CLA were able to provide a legal brief in support of the advertising.

Pray for an **Alabama** pastor who is encouraging his local city council to continue allowing opening prayers in Jesus' name. Many pastors are encouraging their government officials to take a stand on this issue **Nationwide**.

CLA Assists Bible-Based Programs.

Pray that a community Bible study program in **Wisconsin** will be permitted to rent space from a local senior activity center.

Pray for a group of Senior citizens in **South Carolina** who were told they could not pray before lunch at a Senior center because one person complained about the prayer.

Pray that an **Idaho** Christian will be permitted to hold a Bible study in the common area of her HUD housing facility.

CLA Supports Traditional Marriage and Religious Freedom.

Pray for a wedding photographer in **Vermont** who is concerned about the possibility of being required to service gay weddings.

Pray for a **Michigan** student who was dismissed from a counseling program because she could not affirm that homosexual behavior was morally acceptable.

Pray for country registrars in **Iowa** who are being told they must personally provide marriage license forms to gay couples regardless of their religious or moral beliefs.

Pray for individual Bible-believing Christians across **America** whose own rights to freedom of religion may be threatened by laws that do not provide right of conscience exemptions from local civil rights and public accommodation laws for those who do not support gay marriage because of their religious or moral beliefs. The right to freedom of religion has been called the First Right of the American Constitution, and courts and legislators should not give priority to gay marriage activists over the right to religious freedom.

Pray especially for Christians in those states where gay marriage is now legal—**Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Vermont.** **Washington D.C.**'s city council has voted to recognize gay marriages from states where they are legal; and **California** courts continue to debate the matter, despite the overwhelming vote of citizens to allow only traditional marriage.

CLA Applauds International Support for Life.

Praise the Lord that the **Dominican Republic** has voted to approve language in its new constitution that will protect the right to life from the moment of conception.

That nation has been under intense international pressure to allow abortion, but individuals there have continued to successfully champion life. Abortion will continue to be punished in all cases except when the life of the mother is at stake.