

Intercessors Call for Urgent Prayer for Supreme Court

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide two cases that ask it to redefine marriage to include homosexual couples. We do not know whether the court will declare homosexual marriage to be a constitutionally guaranteed right or will leave the definition of marriage to be decided state by state. Neither of those options are a clear victory for the institution of marriage as God created it.

The cases are *Hollingsworth v. Perry* (California's Proposition 8) and *U.S. v. Windsor* (the Defense of Marriage Act).

The question is, Does a law that defines marriage to be only between a man and a woman deny homosexual couples the 14th Amendment guarantee of equal protection of the law?

The American Family Association (AFA) says we are at a crisis point similar to the weekend before the *Roe v. Wade* decision was announced, which declared abortion a constitutional right. It is a horrible time to face but a good time to pray.

AFA asks you to pray for our country, and especially for the Supreme Court. A sample prayer is printed below.

Prayer for the Supreme Court and the Nation

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your unchanging truth, holiness, righteousness, mercy and grace. You have given us a nation founded upon the principles of Your Word. You have blessed us, but we have squandered Your grace and turned away from Your principles. So we come to You to plead for our nation.

Specifically, we pray for the pending Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage. We pray that the court would not impose

a false definition of marriage on our nation. Father, we confess that we in the church have already sinned against You and have not been good stewards of the gift of marriage through our own issues with unfaithfulness, selfishness, pornography, homosexuality and divorce. Forgive us, Lord. Now our nation is following our imperfect example and seeks to redefine and corrupt the gift of marriage in order to satisfy its own lusts.

We acknowledge that through Jesus Christ we can repent and turn to You. So help the people of this nation to turn to You with repentant hearts, that we all may be covered in Your grace. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, let Your purity and truth shine in this situation. Help us to proclaim to those enslaved by homosexuality and any other sin that liberty and identity is available in Jesus Christ. Help us to lovingly embrace the repentant.

Fill us with Your Spirit so that our thoughts, words and actions reflect Your love and not our judgment. Help us to trust in Your plan and to act justly throughout it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen.

God is faithful to His Word and shall accomplish that which He has spoken (Is. 55:11).