

FOR WITH GOD

NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE

Luke 1:37

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IS AMERICA TURNING BACK TO GOD AN INSURMOUNTABLE TASK?

It is a question many faithful believers are quietly asking: *Has America gone too far? Is turning this nation back to God now an impossible task?*

Everywhere we look, we see evidence of spiritual decline. Church attendance has dropped. Biblical literacy has faded. What once was common moral ground is now widely contested. Christians increasingly find themselves misunderstood, marginalized, or even opposed for holding to long-established truths. The culture seems to be moving rapidly – and not always in a direction that honors the Lord.

And yet...this is not the first time God's people have faced such a moment.

Throughout Scripture, revival has never come when conditions were ideal. It has always come when things seemed darkest. Israel turned back to the Lord in seasons of captivity, not comfort (Judges 3:9; 2 Chronicles 7:14). The early church flourished not under favor, but under pressure (Acts 8:1–4). God has a long history of doing His greatest work when His people feel weakest (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The real question is not whether America is capable of turning back to God – but whether God's people are willing to be faithful in the generation in which He has placed them (Esther 4:14; Psalm 78:7).

God has not asked us to save the nation. He has asked us to be obedient – to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13–16), to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), to stand when it is easier to be silent (Acts 4:19–20), to pray when answers seem slow (Luke 18:1), to love when the world is angry (Matthew 5:44), and to obey when obedience carries a cost (John 14:15).

Turning a nation is not the work of a movement. It is the work of millions of faithful believers quietly living out the Gospel – in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities (Deuteronomy 6:6–7; Titus 2:7–8).

History reminds us that revival is rarely loud at first. It begins with repentance, prayer, humility, and faithfulness – often unseen, often uncelebrated, but never unnoticed by God (James 4:8–10; Hebrews 6:10).

The challenges before us are real. The opposition is serious. The legal and cultural pressures are increasing (2 Timothy 3:1–5). That is why the work of defending the freedom of the Church and encouraging believers to stand firm is more critical than ever (Philippians 1:27; Jude 1:3). But difficulty does not mean defeat. Resistance does not mean retreat. And darkness does not mean God is absent (John 1:5).

The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16). The Word of God is still living and active (Hebrews 4:12). Prayer is still effective (James 5:16). And God is still sovereign (Psalm 115:3).

So is turning America back to God an insurmountable task?

Not if we remember Who does the turning.

Our calling is not to measure the size of the mountain – but to trust the God who moves mountains (Matthew 17:20; Zechariah 4:6).

Let us be found faithful in this hour (1 Corinthians 4:2). Let us pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Let us stand without fear (Joshua 1:9). Let us love without compromise (Romans 12:9). And let us believe – not because circumstances are favorable, but because God is faithful (Lamentations 3:22–23).

The future of America does not rest on politics, policies, or personalities. It rests on whether God's people will continue to walk humbly with Him, obey His Word, and trust Him with the outcome (Micah 6:8; Proverbs 3:5–6).

And that has never been an insurmountable task.

HOW THE CHRISTIAN LAW ASSOCIATION IS STANDING WITH YOU

The call to faithfulness in this generation is not theoretical – it is deeply practical. Pastors are navigating regulations. Churches are facing zoning questions. Schools are working through licensing requirements. Families are seeking clarity. Ministries are responding to legal and cultural pressures that were almost unheard of a generation ago.

And none of God's people should have to face those challenges alone.



Every day, The Christian Law Association exists for one purpose: to come alongside those who are serving the Lord and help remove the legal burdens that hinder the work of the Gospel. Whether it is answering a pastor's urgent question, defending a church's right to operate, guiding a school through compliance, or protecting a ministry from unjust interference, our team is at work – quietly, faithfully, and prayerfully.

“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

We cannot turn a nation by ourselves. But we can stand with those who are faithfully serving in it. We can help protect the freedom to preach, teach, gather, disciple, and live out the Christian faith without fear.

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free” (Galatians 5:1).

When you call, write, or pray for CLA, you are not just supporting an organization – you are strengthening the hands of pastors, teachers, missionaries, and families across the country who are seeking to be obedient in their communities.

We are honored to stand with you. We are committed to continue the work. And by God's grace, together we will remain faithful in this generation.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9).

Thank you for standing with us – and for standing for Him.

 When we receive letters like this here at CLA, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve Christians across our nation.

Thank you for helping me with a letter to my company's HR department back in July of this year. I did not want to sign a form stating that I would use different gender pronouns as it's a sin to lie. You helped me protect my Christian rights when I needed it and I'm so appreciative.



UNDERSTANDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS

When you are dealing with church finances, workers' compensation is an extremely important area to consider. In certain situations, it can be a great help to employees who are injured on the job. On the other hand, it can be so expensive that it can cripple some ministries.

The laws about workers' compensation vary from state to state. If you have questions about the best policies for your ministry to adopt or if you have questions about navigating the entire workers' compensation system, please contact our offices. Our experienced attorneys are happy to partner with you to help you know the best way to proceed.

EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION & PAYROLL RULES



The distinction between employees and independent contractors is under increasing scrutiny. Misclassification can trigger audits, fines, and back-pay liability. Ministries should review their payroll practices annually to ensure pastors, staff, interns, and contractors are properly classified and documented under current federal and state standards.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTIONS IN PUBLIC SPACES



New policies and court decisions continue to shape how religious speech and activities are treated in schools, parks, city facilities, and online platforms. Ministries should stay informed about their rights to speak, assemble, and operate without discrimination — and not assume silence is required when the law still protects Biblical expression.

CHILD SAFETY POLICIES & REPORTING LAWS

States continue to update mandatory reporting laws and child-protection requirements for churches, schools, and youth programs. Ministries should ensure background checks, training, and reporting procedures are current — and that all volunteers and staff understand their legal responsibilities when concerns arise.



DATA PRIVACY & ONLINE MINISTRY COMPLIANCE

As ministries increasingly use websites, online giving, livestreaming, and databases, privacy and data-security laws are expanding. Churches should ensure donor data, student records, and counseling information are properly protected and that online platforms comply with applicable privacy and disclosure rules.



FACILITY USE & ZONING COMPLIANCE

Local governments continue to revise zoning, parking, and occupancy rules that affect churches and ministries. Even long-standing facilities can suddenly be “out of compliance” when ordinances change. Ministries should periodically confirm that their current use, building capacity, and parking plans still align with local requirements — and seek counsel immediately if they receive a notice or complaint.

THE CHRISTIAN LAW ASSOCIATION PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Free legal defense of those facing difficulties for the Biblical faith
- Free legal counsel to churches and Christians for their ministries
- Free legal help to homeschooling families
- Publication of *The Legal Alert*, a monthly newsletter
- Legal books and other resources to inform Christians of their rights
- Preaching in churches across the country
- Intercessory prayer ministry for requests sent to the ministry offices
- Free legal consulting to local, state, and federal officials



and legislators to provide maximum religious liberty

- Prayer initiative for our national leadership and government
- Legal seminars for ministries to help prevent lawsuits
- Weekday radio program broadcast, *The Legal Alert*, on 1,600 outlets around the world



PRAYER & PRAISE CHECKLIST

We covet your prayers for these requests and hundreds of others we receive weekly.

○ ALABAMA

Prayer: Pray for a church facing zoning pressure from a city council resistant to new ministry growth.

Praise: Praise God for a Christian school that recently received its license renewal without restrictions, allowing it to continue serving families.

○ ALASKA

Prayer: Pray for a rural pastor seeking clarity on legally operating a Christian school.

Praise: Praise God for a church that successfully resolved a long-standing property title issue, bringing peace and stability.

○ ARIZONA

Prayer: Pray for a Christian pregnancy center navigating new state regulatory requirements.

Praise: Praise God that a church outreach event was approved after initial resistance, opening doors for ministry.

○ ARKANSAS

Prayer: Pray for a church working to obtain permits for building expansion.

Praise: Praise God for a ministry that settled a contract dispute peacefully, avoiding costly litigation.

○ CALIFORNIA

Prayer: Pray for a Christian business owner maintaining Biblical standards under regulatory pressure.

Praise: Praise God for a church that received approval to resume in-person services following a compliance review.

○ COLORADO

Prayer: Pray for a Christian school working through accreditation questions.

Praise: Praise God that a homeschool family's case was dismissed by state officials, protecting parental rights.

○ CONNECTICUT

Prayer: Pray for a small church burdened by rising property taxes.

Praise: Praise God for a church that received confirmation of its tax-exempt status, easing a financial burden.

○ DELAWARE

Prayer: Pray for a pastor facing legal threats from a former member.

Praise: Praise God for a ministry inquiry that was closed with no further action required.

○ FLORIDA

Prayer: Pray for a ministry complying with nonprofit reporting requirements.

Praise: Praise God that a Christian camp passed its safety inspection, allowing summer programs to continue.

○ GEORGIA

Prayer: Pray for a church in a contract dispute with a builder.

Praise: Praise God for a school that received full accreditation approval after a thorough review.

○ HAWAII

Prayer: Pray for a Christian school working to meet state health and safety standards.

Praise: Praise God that a church zoning appeal was granted, allowing ministry to continue at its location.

○ IDAHO

Prayer: Pray for a homeschooling family responding to a truancy inquiry.

Praise: Praise God that a ministry received confirmation of nonprofit status, strengthening its outreach.

○ ILLINOIS

Prayer: Pray for a church clarifying property use rules for ministries.

Praise: Praise God for a pastor who was cleared after a false complaint, restoring his good name.

○ INDIANA

Prayer: Pray for a ministry navigating employee and volunteer classifications.

Praise: Praise God that a church's updated bylaws were approved, bringing clarity and unity.

○ IOWA

Prayer: Pray for a pastor facing a threatened lawsuit from a former employee.

Praise: Praise God that a church insurance claim was paid in full, covering unexpected expenses.

○ KANSAS

Prayer: Pray for zoning approval for a new sanctuary.

Praise: Praise God for a Christian school that passed its annual review with no deficiencies noted.

○ KENTUCKY

Prayer: Pray for a Christian camp needing to meet new inspection requirements.

Praise: Praise God for a ministry that successfully renewed its lease under fair and favorable terms.

○ LOUISIANA

Prayer: Pray for churches resolving insurance claims after storm damage.

Praise: Praise God that a church recovered funds lost through a contractor dispute, preserving resources.

○ MAINE

Prayer: Pray for a church seeking guidance on nonprofit governance.

Praise: Praise God for a ministry that successfully updated its board structure and governance documents.

○ MARYLAND

Prayer: Pray for a Christian school responding to increased oversight.

Praise: Praise God for a church that received a favorable zoning interpretation from local officials.

○ MASSACHUSETTS

Prayer: Pray for a church navigating historic district restrictions.

Praise: Praise God that a Christian daycare received its license renewal and may continue serving families.

○ MICHIGAN

Prayer: Pray for a ministry resolving a donor-restriction dispute.

Praise: Praise God for a church that settled a property boundary issue with a neighboring landowner.

○ MINNESOTA

Prayer: Pray for a Christian daycare endeavoring to understand childcare regulations.

Praise: Praise God that a homeschool family's records were accepted, closing an inquiry.

○ MISSISSIPPI

Prayer: Pray for wisdom in shepherding through internal church conflict.

Praise: Praise God that reconciliation has begun within a church following Biblical mediation.

○ MISSOURI

Prayer: Pray for a church facing resistance to a community outreach event.

Praise: Praise God that a church construction permit was approved after careful review.

○ MONTANA

Prayer: Pray for a ministry dealing with sudden lease changes.

Praise: Praise God that a zoning complaint against a church was dismissed as unfounded.

○ NEBRASKA

Prayer: Pray for legal clarity as a church updates its bylaws.
Praise: Praise God that a church resolved a banking documentation issue, restoring access to its funds.

○ NEVADA

Prayer: Pray for a business owner protecting faith expression in the workplace.
Praise: Praise God that a ministry inquiry was resolved favorably and without penalty.

○ NEW HAMPSHIRE

Prayer: Pray for neighbor relations regarding parking and service times.
Praise: Praise God that a church received approval for additional parking to ease community concerns.

○ NEW JERSEY

Prayer: Pray for a ministry responding to a government inquiry.
Praise: Praise God that a school's compliance audit was completed successfully and without findings.

○ NEW MEXICO

Prayer: Pray for a Christian school expanding facilities responsibly.
Praise: Praise God that a church won approval for a signage request to better serve its community.

○ NEW YORK

Prayer: Pray for churches burdened by costly building code requirements.
Praise: Praise God for a church that received an extension and partial cost relief from local officials.

○ NORTH CAROLINA

Prayer: Pray for resolution in a defamation matter harming a church's reputation.
Praise: Praise God that a ministry received a favorable legal clarification protecting its mission.

○ NORTH DAKOTA

Prayer: Pray for guidance on benefits and compensation laws.
Praise: Praise God that two churches completed a successful and peaceful merger process.

○ OHIO

Prayer: Pray for nonprofit processing delays to be resolved quickly.
Praise: Praise God that a church recovered improperly withheld funds after legal intervention.

○ OKLAHOMA

Prayer: Pray for a church resolving a boundary dispute.
Praise: Praise God that a zoning variance was approved for another growing ministry.

○ OREGON

Prayer: Pray for a counseling ministry navigating licensing rules.
Praise: Praise God that a homeschool family's inquiry was closed with no action taken.

○ PENNSYLVANIA

Prayer: Pray for insurance clarity after storm damage.
Praise: Praise God that a church received approval to repair its roof and resume full activities.

○ RHODE ISLAND

Prayer: Pray for small congregations facing financial strain.
Praise: Praise God that a church received an unexpected donation that met urgent needs.

○ SOUTH CAROLINA

Prayer: Pray for schools meeting reporting requirements.
Praise: Praise God that a school's charter was reaffirmed, securing its future.

○ SOUTH DAKOTA

Prayer: Pray for ministries under regulatory review.
Praise: Praise God that a church inspection passed with no findings or violations.

○ TENNESSEE

Prayer: Pray for wisdom in lease negotiations.
Praise: Praise God that a ministry received approval for a new outreach location.

○ TEXAS

Prayer: Pray for churches aligning employment policies with Scripture and law.
Praise: Praise God that a church resolved a payroll classification issue and avoided penalties.

○ UTAH

Prayer: Pray for nonprofit recognition for a new outreach.
Praise: Praise God that a church received written confirmation of its tax-exempt status.

○ VERMONT

Prayer: Pray for rural churches navigating land-use restrictions.
Praise: Praise God that a church received conditional use approval for continued ministry.

○ VIRGINIA

Prayer: Pray for schools responding to escalated parent complaints.
Praise: Praise God that mediation resulted in reconciliation and restored trust.

○ WASHINGTON

Prayer: Pray for compliance with evolving fire and safety codes.
Praise: Praise God for successful inspections at a church, allowing ministries to continue uninterrupted.

○ WEST VIRGINIA

Prayer: Pray for clarity on church property ownership records.
Praise: Praise God that a church successfully quieted a title issue, securing its property.

○ WISCONSIN

Prayer: Pray for ministries implementing background check policies.
Praise: Praise God that a volunteer matter was resolved peacefully and Biblically.

○ WYOMING

Prayer: Pray for pastors facing community opposition.
Praise: Praise God that a church experienced renewed attendance and growing local support.