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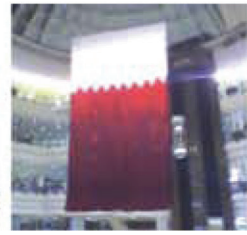
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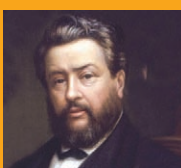
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Obama's fourth veto protects unionization rules

Special correspondent

WASHINGTON: U.S. President Barack Obama on Tuesday vetoed a measure by Republicans in Congress that would have blocked a government labor agency's rules designed to speed up the time it takes to unionize workers.

The rules would shorten the period between a union filing a petition to represent workers and an election, from



the current median of 38 days to as little as 14 days. Employers would be required to share workers' names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses with unions.

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Pope Francis Celebrates Easter Sunday With Huge Crowds In St. Peter's Square At Vatican

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis, in his Easter address before a huge crowd, on Sunday denounced the "immense



wastefulness" in the world while many go hungry and called for an end to conflicts in Yemen, Syria, Ukraine

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Muslims, Christians insecure under BJP rule: AIMPLB India is our Hindu rashtra, RSS chief says

Special correspondent

JAIPUR: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board on Sunday hit out at the Modi government saying both Muslims and Christians were insecure under the BJP-led dispensation, and passed a resolution to launch a parallel campaign to counter 'ghar wapsi' and 'love jihad' propaganda of the RSS and its affiliates.



"We're concerned about the situation in the country which has worsened after Narendra Modi became PM. Not only Muslims, but Christians are also feeling uncomfortable," the board assistant general secretary Abdul Rahim

Qureshi said at a press conference at the end of its two-day convention in Jaipur.

The board also said that right-wing forces have become "active against the minorities after the formation of new government at

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Obama's fourth veto protects...

The National Labor Relations Board adopted the rules last year and they are set to take effect April 14.

The Senate and House of Representatives, voting along party lines, approved a resolution this month that would have stopped enactment of the rules.

On Tuesday Obama, following through on a threat to reject the resolution, said the

rules represented modest changes that would make it easier for workers to unionize.

"Unions historically have been at the forefront of establishing things like the 40-hour work week, the weekend, child labor laws, fair benefits and decent wages," Obama said at a press conference.

The labor board still faces court challenges in Washington, D.C. and Texas over the new

process from business groups who say it violates the National Labor Relations Act by not giving employers enough time to prepare for elections.

Rep. John Kline, a Minnesota Republican and chair of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, said in a statement that the new process would only help unions.

"With his veto, the president has endorsed an

ambush election rule that will stifle employer free speech, cripple worker free choice, and jeopardize the privacy of working families," Kline said.

The NLRB and Democrats who support the rules say they were designed to rein in misconduct by a minority of employers who draw out the union election process in order to threaten and intimidate workers.

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Muslims, Christians insecure...

the Centre

India is our Hindu rashtra, RSS chief says

"We've to ensure that organizations trying to divide us are kept

at bay and the board should be prepared to counter any effort to disturb the peace of the country," said Maulana Nadvi.

AIMPLB general secretary Maulana Nizamuddin said a resolution has been passed to activate constitutional rights protection com-

mittee under the AIMPLB led by its secretary Maulana Mohammed Wali Rehman of Munger (Bihar) to counter 'ghar wapsi'.

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Pope Francis Celebrates Easter Sunday ...

and Africa.

"We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent," he said in his "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) messenger, marking the Third Easter season of his pontificate, celebrated

a Mass to an overflowing crowd of at least 175,000 in St. Peter's Square and beyond.

The crowd stretched back along all of Via della Conciliazione, the boulevard between the Vatican and the Tiber River.

Speaking under a sunny sky after a midnight rainstorm soaked the

tens of thousands of flowers that bedecked the square, Francis weaved his message around the suffering of people across the globe. He prayed to God to "help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often respon-

sible".

Since his election as the first non-European pope in 1,300 years, Francis had made defence of the poor a hallmark of his papacy, often criticising developed nations and the excesses of capitalism and consumerism.

THE BELIEVERS STRENGTH.. REJOICING OVER ANXIETY...

1. Exhortation to unity and joy.

Everyone wants to be happy, we make every ends meet for this life-long pursuit-spending money, collecting things and searching for new experiences. But if happiness depends on our circumstances, what happens....when loved ones die, health deteriorates, money is stolen and the party is over. Often happiness flees when despair sets in. In contrast to happiness, stands joy running deeper and stronger. Joy is the quiet confident assurance of God's love and work in our- that life will be there no matter what. Happiness depends upon happenings, but joy depends on Christ.

The Church in Macedonia had been an encouragement to Paul. They enjoyed a special relationship with him, so he wrote them a personal expression of his love and affection. They brought him great joy

2. The secret of the Peace of God:

The people of Phillippi had heard the gospel around 10 years earlier when Paul and his companions visited their land back then. Paul and his companions were remembered with joy and thanksgiving whenever Paul prayed. The people were willing to be used by God for whatever He wanted them to do. The people helped Paul through their practical help even financial support when he was in prison. He was pointing out their valuable contribution to God's work. When others think about you, what comes to your



mind? Are you remembered with joy?

3. The Presence of the God of Peace: Paul longed to see the people at Phillippi because their kindness, love and affection attracted Paul towards their land.

Often the best way to influence others is to pray for them. Paul's prayer for them was to be unified in love. Our love should not be based on feelings but on what Christ had done for you. We ought to pray for moral discernment so we can maintain our Christian morals and values.

4. The victory over anxious care: In the 10th verse Paul's prayers was that these believers would have the discernment of the right and wrong/ good or bad. Being imprisoned would make many people bitter or to give up. We may not be in prison but we have many opportunities to be discouraged- times of indecisions, financial burdens, family conflict, church, loss of job, etc. How we act in these situations will reflect what we believe. It demonstrates your faith even when your situations are bad, because whether or not the situation improves, your faith should grow stronger and deeper. Be an encouragement by the way that you live. ■

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SCHIZOPHRENIA



What is schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a brain disorder that affects the way a person acts, thinks, and sees the world. People with schizophrenia have an altered perception of reality, often a significant loss of contact with reality. They may see or hear things that don't exist, speak in strange or confusing ways, believe that others are trying to harm them, or feel like they're being constantly watched. With such a blurred line between the real and the imaginary, schizophrenia makes it difficult—even frightening—to negotiate the activities of daily life. In response, people with schizophrenia may withdraw from the outside world or act out in confusion and fear.

Most cases of schizophrenia appear in the late teens or early adulthood. However, schizophrenia can appear for the first time in middle age or even later. In rare cases, schizophrenia can even affect young children and adolescents, although the symptoms are slightly different. In general, the earlier schizophrenia develops, the more severe it is. Schizophrenia also tends to be more severe in men than in women.

Early warning signs of schizophrenia

In some people, schizophrenia appears suddenly and without warning. But for most, it

comes on slowly, with subtle warning signs and a gradual decline in functioning long before the first severe episode. Many friends and family members of people with schizophrenia report knowing early on that something was wrong with their loved one, they just didn't know what.

In this early phase, people with schizophrenia often seem eccentric, unmotivated, emotionless, and reclusive. They isolate themselves, start neglecting their appearance, say peculiar things, and show a general indifference to life. They may abandon hobbies and activities, and their performance at work or school deteriorates.

- Social withdrawal
- Hostility or suspiciousness
- Deterioration of personal hygiene
- Flat, expressionless gaze
- Inability to cry or express joy
- Inappropriate laughter or crying
- Depression
- Oversleeping or insomnia
- Odd or irrational statements
- Forgetful; unable to concentrate
- Extreme reaction to criticism
- Strange use of words or way of speaking

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Iniquity
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The change is quite profound.
Lord, we need
Your guiding light
To lead us out of here;

We'll focus on
Your Word, and prayer,
To take away our fear.
Temptations of
This dying world
We'll rule out and let go;
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All to you,
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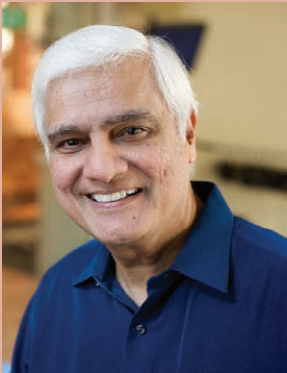


“Prayer is an all-efficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which is never exhausted, a sky unobscured by the clouds, a heaven unruffled by the storm. It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings. . . . The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire, it hath bridled the rage of lions, hushed anarchy to rest; extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, expanded the gates of heaven, assuaged diseases, repelled frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt.”(1)

Who can read that and not be tempted to exclaim, “Is that mere rhetoric?” No, not so. Each of the instances referred to by Chrysostom is drawn right out of the Scriptures.

In all of its expressions, whether halting and short or flowing in beautiful, well-structured phrases, prayer is simply a conversation with God. If we turn prayer into a monologue or use it as a way to showcase our gift with words or as a venue for informing or instructing others who may be listening, we defeat the very purpose of prayer. The Bible makes it clear that prayer is intended as the line of connection from the heart of the praying person directly to the heart of God. Jesus himself practiced a lifestyle of prayer and urged his disciples to imitate him by making it part of their daily existence. His prayers represented prayer at its best and most sincere.

I marvel at the impact of praying with a hurting person. I have prayed many times with someone who has claimed to be a skeptic and is living in a manner that supports that claim, only to finish my prayer and open my eyes to see tears in his eyes. Although prayer remains a mystery to all of us but especially to one who lives apart from God, I have observed again and again that even the hardened



Ravi Zacharias

THE MYSTERIOUS IMPACT OF PRAYER



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heart retains a longing for the possibility of communicating with God.

Prayer can accomplish amazing things, reaching into hearts in a way that all the correct answers to questions that are honestly asked sometimes cannot do. Conversely, more certainly than anything else, sustained prayer that seems to bring nothing in response can result in a sense of futility with life and an erosion of faith. Like the myth of Sisyphus, who repeatedly rolled a huge rock up a mountain only to watch it roll down again, unanswered prayer may well be where most of those who have lost their faith began that journey into unbelief. It is not my intention to deny the great disappointments of unanswered prayer or even to attempt to provide answers to why our prayers are not answered. Rather, I want us to take a good, hard look at what God intends prayer to be.

The most definitive passage on prayer is what is often called the Lord’s Prayer or, as some scholars like to call it, the Disciples’ Prayer. The highly significant first words carry the weight of all of prayer: “Our Father in heaven.” This is a uniquely Christian utterance. In these two words alone—“Our Father”—we recognize, at least implicitly, two truths: the nearness of God as our heavenly Father, and the sovereignty of God as the one who controls everything. As soon as you cry out in prayer, “Heavenly Father,” you are recognizing his sovereign rule over your life.

And on the heels of the Lord’s Prayer and as his conclusion to it, Jesus tells us that God will give the Holy Spirit, his indwelling presence, to those who ask for it. That is the whole point of the prayer. It is not spoken in the form of a question—it ends with an exclamation point. God will give the gift of the indwelling presence of the holy God to any who ask for it—this is an absolute certainty! You can count on it!

Sadly, we hear so little of this today. We have turned prayer into a means to our ends and seldom wait on God’s response long enough to think about what he wants for us in that very moment. By reducing the evidence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to one particular gift, we have robbed people of the Holy Presence that prompts us in prayer, prays for us when we don’t have the words to pray for ourselves, and comforts us in our times of need.

The paramount need in the church today and in the individual Christian is the indwelling presence of God. In this incredible twist, the indwelling presence of God, the Holy Spirit, makes God both the enabler of our prayers and the provider of answers to those prayers. More than anything else, this is what prayer is about—training one’s hungers and longings to correspond with God’s will for us—and it is what the Christian faith is all about. Paul reminds us of this numerous times. Jesus talks of the prompting from within and the provision that comes from without, which is the work of the Holy Spirit within us and the provision of God from without.



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