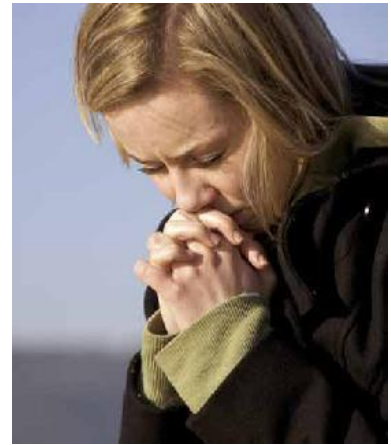


*Introducing Concerned Women for America of California's*

## **ENCOURAGE-A-LEGISLATOR PROGRAM**

Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) is a powerful prayer program of Concerned Women for America (CWA). It is an effort to pair a CWA prayer partner with each assemblymember and state senator in California, eventually building to reach to local school boards and city councils. The program is designed to be simple, yet effective. It is directed at both supporters and critics of CWA's mission. EAL is proof of the vision at the base of CWA's work. Prayer partners work out of love for those vested with political authority and with the conviction that God changes hearts in response to the prayers of His children.

- ◆ The partner commits to regular prayer for their legislator and sends a monthly postcard with a word of encouragement, including Biblical verses and quotes from the country's founders.
- ◆ All materials are provided in a packet sent to each prayer volunteer. This includes a year's worth of postcards, the name and contact information of the assigned legislator, and a full explanation of the program.



In a testimony to EAL's effectiveness, Iowa State Director Tamara Scott provided an opportunity for "Encourage-A-Legislator" prayer partners to meet their legislators and reported a huge turnout.

Nearly half of the state senators, and many representatives, attended the event and spoke to CWA members. Quite a few of them sought out their prayer partners.

"I think one of the things that touched me the most was Sen. Brad Zahn looking for Jane (a CWA member) so he could personally hug her and thank her for the cards and prayers," said Tamara. "I never really thought about it, but it's almost like meeting your pen pal for some of these individuals. Many of them have had the same prayer partner for years."

This is a simple program that requires very little time, but can provide great results as we pray for the hearts and minds of our legislators and their families. Only God knows the effect that our prayers will have on them and their staff along with the Scripture verses and quotes included on the postcard. This contact may be the first time many of these legislators have heard of CWA in this manner. We pray that through our members and their words of encouragement we will build bridges with our conservative legislators as well as those who hold an opposing view.



If you are interested in being a part of this program, please e-mail your full name, mailing address, phone and e-mail address to [encourage@california.cwfa.org](mailto:encourage@california.cwfa.org).

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