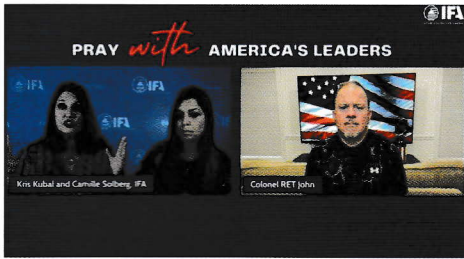




# Dismantling the Deep State

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On Pray with America's Leaders, IFA featured retired Col. John Mills, a former Defense Department official. Mills shared inside information about why China — specifically, the CCP — is such a looming threat to the United States. He also discussed ways that citizens and patriots can take on the deep state.

Mills had this message for intercessors: "Citizens, patriots, and believers, if you don't like what you see in the nation, the swamp and deep state, then we can work to remove them from their position. It's on us to remove them."

The deep state infiltrates our nation beginning in our counties, Mills asserted. "In 3,300 counties, there are seven common functions: There's the election board, registrars, county council, school boards, judges, sheriffs, and prosecutors." Starting from those seven listed functions, he explained, we can accomplish much; we can go to school board meetings; we can get to know school board members, sheriffs, and other local officials, and work to influence them.

"If we can dominate our counties, the nation will follow," said Mills. "The challenge is for all believers and patriots who have in the past sat back and let someone else take care of those functions — somebody did, and it was somebody who didn't hold our worldviews or beliefs.

It's time to rise up and get involved. You can start by influencing your county. The foundation of deep state on a national level began in the county. It's time to get off the couch and get in the game."

IFA Chief Program Officer Kris Kubal agreed, noting: "We can all do something about our local area. If we all take up the issues in our own backyard, we can clean house, for the good of the nation. We can see big change come from the grassroots."

Mills reiterated the crucial importance of the county level: "Dominate your county. It all starts in your county. Pick one of the seven functions and get involved somehow. Everything is built upon your county. If something's cancerous or toxic in this nation, it began in our counties."

Though the deep state is large and seems to have infiltrated everything, we serve a God who uses underdogs and rewrites history. My faith is in the God who used a boy named David to slay a giant. He also used an 80-year-old named Caleb to defeat the Canaanite giants as the means of gaining a promised inheritance. He used a frightened man named Gideon, who hid while his nation was being plundered, to come out, grow strong, lead his people into battle, and emerge victorious.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms (Eph. 1:19-20).

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## Five Prayers FOR PROTECTION as You Intercede in 2023

**1. Lord, surround me with favor today as with a shield (Ps. 5:12).**

**2. Let no evil befall me, and do not allow any plague to come near my dwelling, my family, or anything that pertains to me (Ps. 91).**

**3. Lord, I put on Your armor today. I gird my loins with truth. I put on the breastplate of righteousness. I fit my feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. I put on the helmet of salvation. I hold up the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit (Eph. 6:14-18).**

**4. I submit to You, my God, and I resist the devil, that he may flee from me (James 4:7). Help me to live a holy and pure life. Keep me from sinning against You so that I may open no door to the enemy in my life — for a curse without a cause cannot alight (Prov. 26:2). If I do not allow the enemy to gain a foothold in my life, he cannot harm me.**

**5. Let praise be my weapon. As I praise and thank You for Your work and Your answers to prayer, You will go before me and consume Your adversaries (2 Chron. 20:20-30).**

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