



Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Friends,

A blessed New Year to each of you! While 2017 passed in the blink of an eye, it was a year filled with victories, tragedies, adventure, and heart for our State and Texas Eagle Forum.

The 85th legislative session in Austin last year taught persistence, patience, and diligence. There were days we thought we would not see a win for liberty, but there were also victories (see the December 2017 *Torch*). Now we are focusing on the upcoming March 6th Primary Election—vetting candidates, educating people on strong conservative candidates running for office, and connecting folks to help those candidates in their local areas. Time is short, so please check our website and email Action Alerts for candidates we support.

As a state, we saw the worst of what nature can bring, and the best of how mankind can respond. Like many of you, we were thankful for the spirit of Texas with neighbor helping neighbor when Hurricane Harvey hit the coast. We witnessed selfless love, courage, and kindness during that time, and became an inspiration to the nation of what can be done when we work together for the greater good.

Late last year, I was honored to embark on my first trip to Israel. I have prayed for Israel and the Middle East for decades, so to personally visit and experience places like the Golan Heights, the border with Lebanon, and the Gaza Strip were beyond what I could have ever thought possible. We drove to the top of a point overlooking Syria, passing signs warning of land mines. As we received a briefing on the lookout point, with the United Nations post below us, the ground shook as factions in Syria bombed each other. My first response was not fear, but a picture of life: danger is present, life is complicated, and hazards surround us. The things we count on as “safe” are not always there when we need them. But one thing never changes—our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our constant refuge and strength.

Many events in our nation and the world are transpiring so quickly that we want to laugh, weep, cheer, or simply give up. The world seems on fire as basic moral principles, such as labeling male and female, are now attacked as “hateful,” and the ever-expanding alphabet soup of genders and lifestyles is deemed as Truth. Iran and North Korea are building nuclear weapons, with old foes (Russia and China) dancing awfully close to our current enemies. Our great country has people in leadership roles hoping to destroy those they disagree with, and legislators threatening each other for following the law. It all seems so ridiculous, so childish and petty, yet these are things playing out on the world stage at great cost. What we do in the coming year matters.

YOU, my friends, are the answer. I believe we all can stand up and say, “Enough!” God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and sound mind. You have been called with a purpose for this exact moment! God needs YOU. TEF needs YOU. Step out of your comfort zone and let your voice be heard. Join a campaign, pray for our leaders, make phone calls to legislators about issues concerning you, start a prayer group at your church on issues that seem impossible to overcome, and see God make an impact!

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Make 2018 your year to engage and make a difference for your family and for Texas! Texas Eagle Forum will be with you every step of the way.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagle; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.” ~ Isaiah 40:31

Pressing onward,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trayce Bradford". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Trayce Bradford
President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S: We so appreciate your prayers and financial support as TEF works around the state to educate, motivate, and activate citizens. Thank you in advance for your generous gift.