

Christian Right apostates pray for war on Iran

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#Aaron

Well, JD Vance is in Hungary today, campaigning for Viktor Orbán. And here's what he has to say.

#JD Vance

You asked about, you know, is God on our side? Is God on, you know, whose side? I think my attitude toward military conflict has always been to pray that we are on God's side. And my own view is that we're doing this for the right reasons. We're doing this because we don't want a regime that has committed acts of terrorism to have the world's most dangerous weapon, because that would mean a lot of innocent people dead. I certainly hope that God agrees with the decision that Iran shouldn't have a nuclear weapon, but I'll keep praying about it. And if he gives me a good answer, you'll be the first to know.

#Aaron

Great. So keep praying, JD, while your president threatens to wipe out an entire civilization.

#Max

Well, it looks like they sent him out there. It was kind of like busting him down to traffic duty, or just getting him out of the way. Like, "Send JD to Hungary. We don't want him making any problems here." And he obviously never makes any statements that counteract Trump's propensity for genocide and war crimes, but they don't want him around as Bridging Power Day approaches. And since he was asked if God was on our side—I mean, well, here's what's really going on inside the White House.

It's a display—or really a celebration—of religious warfare, with a cast of garish, corporate Christian-right influencers and evangelical leaders praying over the depraved, serial sexual abuser president

and invoking the Book of Esther. "Let us pray." This is Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. Next to him is Paula White—yes, that's Paula White to his right—one of the most corrupt evangelical televangelist hucksters in recent history. She's asked her audience, mostly hardworking lower-middle-class and working-class people, to tithe 10% of their income to Israel and give much of the rest to her.

#Speaker 1

That the Persians—the Iranians—wanted to kill every Jewish man, woman, and child, and do it all in one day. But you raised up Esther to save the Jewish people. Father, we thank you. Today, the Iranians—the wicked regime of this government—want to kill every Jew and destroy them with atomic fire. But you have raised up President Trump. You've raised him up for such a time as this. And Father, we pray that you'll give him victory. Father, we pray for our military, that you would watch over and protect them. Father, we pray for the people of Iran who want freedom—to be set free from these Islamic lunatics. Father, we thank you for your son, Jesus Christ, who came to this earth to take our sins, that he died and shed his blood for us.

#Aaron

I think we're good on that, right? I think that's enough.

#Max

I think we've got enough of that. Well, that's apostasy. Paula White had previously compared Trump to Jesus. They're praying for mass destruction, invoking the Passover tale of Esther to justify genocide, as Netanyahu has done. And does Donald Trump believe in anything? Is Donald Trump even a Christian? This is the end of the Christian right. I mean, no one could look at that from the outside and not see something that's just so detestable.

#Aaron

One of the comments he makes there is that Iran is a threat to Jews, right?

#Max

That Iran seeks to kill every Jew in the world. I later visited a synagogue in Iran.

#Aaron

And what did Israel just do in Iran? It bombed a synagogue.