

A Navy chaplain was asked by a base commander to stop praying in the name of Jesus.

Attorneys for Chaplain Wesley Modder finished their investigation of the chaplain with an 18-page letter refuting allegations against him. The letter also said Modder had previously been asked to stop praying in Jesus' name.

"After our investigation, it is clear that the facts and law are on Chaplain Modder's side," Liberty Institute attorney Michael Berry said. "He has done nothing more than provide ministerial services in accordance with the precepts of his faith – which is completely consistent with Navy rules and federal law.

"We believe the Navy will exonerate Chaplain Modder and restore him to continue his true calling of ministering to sailors and Marines as he has done for the past 15 years," Berry said.

Modder came under criticism last December when an openly gay officer at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in South Carolina reported that he had been offended by Modder's stance on homosexuality.

The officer said Modder showed discrimination and a failure to show tolerance and respect.

According to the investigation by Liberty Institute, Modder had been asked to deliver an invocation at a ceremony, but as he walked to the lectern, Capt. John Fahs told him to cut out the "Jesus" references.

(www.christianheadlines.com)

Mumbai (AsiaNews) - Police have arrested 16 Hindu radicals in connection to yesterday's attack on the Catholic Holy Cross School in Hazaribagh in the Northeast State of Jharkhand.

Over 60 militants from the Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad dell'Akhil (ABVP), student wing of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (Hindu nationalists BJP,), raided the school premises and ordered the school authorities to close the institute.

According to eyewitnesses, the police witnessed the attack without intervening. Abvp militants kicked down desks and doors, and asked one of the nuns who run the school because there was no statue of Saraswati (Hindu goddess of knowledge, ed) and a picture of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi instead of that of St. Francis.

(www.persecution.in)

Nearly a year after the United States Supreme Court ruled that government meetings could include Christian prayers, Canada's highest legal authority has concluded the opposite.

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled unanimously on Wednesday that prayers at town hall meetings are a violation of law, since they show preference for one religion over another. (www.christianpost.com)

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal, Bro. Sam Ebenezer, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter), Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Bro. Jose Ponnolil & all who are sick among us.

Please pray for these Countries

| | Country | Population (in millions) | Christians | Evan-gelicals | President | Prime Minister |
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| Sun | Fiji | 0.9 | 63.5% | 19.7% | Epeli Nailatikau | Frank Bainimarama |
| Mon | Finland | 5.3 | 81.8% | 11.9% | Sauli Niinisto | Jyrki Tapani Katainen |
| Tue | France | 64 | 60.1% | 1.0% | Francois Hollande | Manuel Valls |
| Wed | French Guiana | 0.25 | 81.0% | 5.5% | Rodolphe Alexandre | |
| Thu | French Polynesia | 0.26 | 83.6% | 5.0% | Edouard Fritch | |
| Fri | Gabon | 1.7 | 80.7% | 12.3% | Ali Ben Bongo Ondimba | Frank Bainimarama |
| Sat | Gambia | 1.9 | 3.1% | 0.6% | Yahya Jammeh | |