

Prayer Special Session House Of Representatives November 13, 2001

Our precious heavenly Father; Father of Isaac, Jacob and our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. We come to You today recognizing your supreme Authority and just ways of governing all the affairs of men and nations. We choose to believe that no people, however great in numbers and human resources, or however strong in our opinions of what is write or wrong, can prosper without Your Favor. Lord, it is Your favor we appeal for this day.

Father, in the journey You have called us to walk, it becomes necessary for the one people to not focus on our political differences but hold to the truths that all of us here today are created equal, that we are endowed and empowered by You as our creator not by the positions we hold. Through embracing this truth, we understand that You gave us government to secure the rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

It is my prayer this day that we as Your leaders will make decisions empowered by You to promote **Unity**, further establish **Justice**, insure **Domestic Peace**, stabilize the welfare of the people and encourage financial prosperity for the great state of Arizona.

Father, I remember the words of one of Your devoted servants, Abraham Lincoln:

“Whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth announced by the Holy Scriptures, and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord; and in as much as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals, are subject to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not Justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war (or in our case of Terrorism), which now desolates our land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people.”

Lord, thank you for these historical words You gave our forefather.

May we remember to have malice toward none in this room, kind hearts toward all, with an attitude of firmness in choosing what is right, as You God reveal to us what is right. Let each of us this day strive on to finish the work You have called us to...and that is to stand up, step forward and take our God given responsibility to care for the needs of the people of the state of Arizona.

It Is In Christ name I pray, Amen

Selective Portions of this prayer were taken from:

Senate Resolution March 3, 1863, Congressional Glob 3rd Session of the 37th Congress

The Declaration of Independence

Lincoln's Response to the Senate Resolution of March 3rd 1863