

SENATE PRAYER
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"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12)

God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, everything good and right about our Nation is rooted and grounded in Judeo-Christian tradition. Faith in God and prayer sustained the colonies through imponderable difficulties and revolutionary war. Faith in God and the Bible conceived the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The value system which has made America the greatest Nation in history is founded on Biblical values.

But, mighty God, we are losing that faith and the benefits and blessings which accrue from it. Critically we need a restoration of that faith of our fathers. Help us hear the words of the father of our country, George Washington, as he spoke to Congress in 1789 following his taking of the oath of office...

"It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States..."

For the glory of God and the welfare of the people. Amen.