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AT THE OPENING OF THE DAILY SESSIONS OF THE
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DURING THE SEVENTY-SECOND AND
SEVENTY-THIRD CONGRESSES
1931–1934



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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

[Submitted by Mr. LUDLOW]

Resolved *by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That two thousand five hundred copies of the prayers offered by the Reverend James Shera Montgomery, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, at the opening of the daily sessions of the House during the Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses, be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives.

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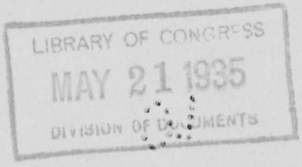

Introduction

It is the custom of Congress to publish the prayers of its Chaplain. The Seventy-third Congress has passed more bills of a constructive character than any other Congress in the history of the country, but it found time during the busy closing hours of the life of the Congress to authorize the publication of the prayers of its Chaplain, the Reverend James Shera Montgomery, who has served the House as Chaplain for many years. His eloquent and scholarly petitions offered immediately after the convening of Congress have always been inspiring. In his prayers there is no creed or bias.

This document which contains his prayers will, I am sure, prove a source of inspiration and peace to all into whose hands this book may come.

HENRY T. RAINEY, *Speaker.*

JUNE 18, 1934.

Foreword

To the officers, Members, and employees of the House of Representatives in the Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses of the United States, this book of devotions is dedicated. It is my earnest hope that it may have an appreciative welcome and give comfort and help in human hearts and homes.

JAMES SHERA MONTGOMERY.

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Prayers

Offered by the Chaplain at the Opening of the Daily Sessions of the House of Representatives of the United States During the Seventy-second and Seventy-third Congresses (1931–34)

Monday
December 7
1931

Infinite God-soul of our soul! Marvelous truth that bridges time and eternity and makes them one. We wait a moment; our memories are stirred. Before us is the image of our most notable One. A sad and mournful yesterday dictates our sorrow. Through the years He camped with us in the embrace of a sweet and beautiful fraternity. But the night came, then the morning broke, and He was carried upward in the harmony and symmetry of his great heart beyond the zenith and the slope of the widening sky. Blessed Father, move upon our hearts. Direct our President and all his counselors and endue them with great wisdom and strength. Reach down, O God, and touch the life of every Member of this Congress. Give wise purpose, unity, and upward movement to its history. Abide with us each day, so that the heroism of truth, of integrity and cooperation shall become contagious until sacred forces shall lift our whole land upon a tide of universal patriotic devotion to the common good. As we apprehend its drift may we set our sails toward this glorious goal. Let not the carriage of our faculties distress us. May we bear ourselves toward one another after the pattern of Him—the ideal Teacher. Inspire poise and self-control in all deliberations, and in character and in conduct help us to exercise a fine conception of human life. We long and pray for that good will

that shall bring into fellowship all citizens and all sections of our country, so they shall aspire for those standards that make a nation truly great. Merciful God of the eternities, look with loving favor upon our country and divinely urge us as Members and officers of this Chamber to lay our best gifts in the lap of the Republic while a stainless splendor crowns her brow sublime. Turn all faces upward, O Light of Lights, that we may realize that the radiant sky is forever bigger than the floating cloud. Amen.

Tuesday
December 8
1931

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, just and holy is Thy Name, and all Thy works proclaim Thy glory! Again we tarry at Thy footstool and praise Thee that the zone of Thy fatherhood, in its sympathies and provisions, is as wide as the races of men. Let us hear Thy whisper, for when it is heard a new hope and faith spring within us. May we listen until we feel and catch its note. Keep our hearts from withering toward our fellow men, and make our labor a constant joy. Graciously regard our Speaker, and lead us forth with a splendid ambition to be fully equal to our tasks. Endue us with that wisdom that shall dominate our country and finally lead the world. O Divine Heart, send Thy loving messenger to all our hearthstones and dwell with our loved ones and bless them with perfect peace and rest. In the name of the world's Saviour we pray. Amen.

Wednesday
December 9
1931

O LORD OF LIFE AND LIGHT, do Thou hear us as we pray, for Thou art our refuge. When the foundations of the earth are being removed and the firmament is melting, the children of men will still be lifting their appealing souls to Thee as "The Rock of Ages." Let us so work and love and live that our fellow men shall bless Thy holy name forever; there is no ambition that can claim a more glorious

destiny. Do Thou invest our hearts and minds with Thy love and wisdom and hold them safe against the assaults of all evil. Grant, O God, that the mission of representative government may be fulfilled by adherence to a sturdy ideal of rugged justice—granting to all men the right to work and win a fair share of the good things of life. Work in us and carry forward to a fine development all the processes by which the Republic is to live. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

Thursday December 10 1931

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR FATHER, we are always encompassed by Thy unfailing goodness; it stills the trembling soul and hushes the most poignant fear. It is Thy answer to the doubting heart; therefore, may we look up, love Thee, and rejoice. Awaken among us more and more a mutual feeling and understanding, thus helping us to recognize that common need which makes us one. Whether the tide of Thy purpose flows sluggishly or free and swift, let us hasten that hour for which we long to see, when a deeper consciousness of national horizons and a finer sense of obligation shall spring from the breast of our entire citizenship. Do Thou lay the wondrous spell of Thy Spirit upon us and win Thy widening way by Thy compelling wisdom. Amen.

Friday December 11 1931

INFINITE SPIRIT, WHO ART LORD OVER ALL, Thy daily providences are our ministering angels. We thank Thee that we were fashioned by Thy fingers, animated by Thy breath, and redeemed by Thy eternal Son. Then keep us resolutely, thinking not of our losses but of our gains. In the silence of our unanswered questions, may we study our souls in the lights and the shadows of our Saviour's glory. When the performance of duty as the servants of the people is an irksome task, arm us, O God,

against a compromising conscience. In a firm, vigorous resolution may we shirk no burden nor seek no ease. Enable us always to acknowledge our allegiance to our God and to our fellow men. Amen.

Monday
December 14
1931

WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD OUR GOD, for that which we need. We pray Thee that Thou wilt grant that the cause of justice and peace may prevail among all nations. May all disturbances which tend to break into war be succumbed. May nation join nation until at last there shall be concord in all the earth. Send forth Thy light and drive further and further away the darkness of suffering and the tragedy of cruelty. We thank Thee, our Father, that Thou hast not sent upon us the frowns of anger, but Thou hast been revealed unto us as an all-loving Father through the Master of Sorrows. Within His realm there is warmth and hope and cheer and blessing. Breathe upon us, O Christ of God. Amen.

Wednesday
December 16
1931

WE THANK THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, for the imperishable realities of the soul, namely, faith, hope, and love. These are the sublime graces which inspire wise and heroic deeds and bind us together in those lasting friendships which shall abide forever. We pray that we are here today by a common impulse to record achievements that shall stimulate faith and confidence in our great system of government. Shed abroad in all hearts that spirit which gives courage and zest of life. These are not evoked by things and daily circumstances. With unflagging interest and generous enthusiasm may we serve the country which has so signally honored us. With unerring vision may we see "Immanuel"—God with us everywhere. Amen.

Thursday December 17 1931

Our God and our Father, source of all our longings and aspirations, kindle on the altars of our hearts a sacred flame which shall burn brighter and brighter until the dawn of eternal day. Look backward, conceal our faults, and point the way. Make us like men who are on their way to work with their bright and morning faces. Enable us to make Thy law the rule of our lives, for every commandment is a benediction and a beatitude. Bless us with that peace which keeps the heart and lifts the soul. While this outward life is checkered with light and shadow, with mingled wrong and struggling right, keep us wise in that which is good and innocent in that which is evil. O God, despite it all, lead the way, lead the way. Amen.

Friday December 18 1931

Infinite and eternal God, in whose might rests the destiny of nations and men, we pray that we may live up to the full measure of our Christian manhood. Teach us, our Father, how to estimate wisely the great debt and obligation which we owe our country, which so thoroughly appreciates men and their values. A mite of malice is too much, while a big measure of charity is not enough; an ounce of selfishness is too much, while a pound of generosity is not enough. A bit of war is too much, while a whole lot of peace is not enough. Increase the power of these values that make for goodness, fraternity, and cooperation, and diminish the things that are evil and that separate men. O let Thy purpose and Thy will be done in the very heart and mind of this Congress. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday December 19 1931

Hear us as we look toward Thee, Heavenly Father, and make us men of sturdy codes of morality, of business sagacity, of fidelity, and of

noble tenets of religion. Thou whose hands fling back and lift up, from whose fingers slip the stars, be Thou our light and our salvation. Lay restraining fingers upon the lips of unwisdom and hush rash words to silence. Almighty God, may we feel that there is something above us and beneath us that is fundamentally divine. Bless our city and Nation; help them both so that they may become the city and the country of God's love. Let us see Thy leaning face and be satisfied. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Monday
December 21
1931

Glory to Thee, O Lord, most high—we praise Thee for the anticipation of Him who increases the sum of human joy and happiness. We are now in the foreglow of that day when the sound of the market will die out in the street and men will strike the truce of battle. Yes; He is coming again. The One who smiled at the lure of riches and the embarrassment of penury. At His gentle footfall the citadels of iniquity trembled, and as He passed by He endowed the meanest thing with interest and beauty. O bless us, Lord God, with an impulse of a new love—to be a friend to the friendless, a benefactor to the homeless, and a refuge to those who are smitten. Let us forget past wrongs and mistakes and bless us with the golden glow of a generous mind, with the healing love of a big heart, and with the bracing energy of a courageous spirit. May we live for men for whom He died and pledge ourselves to labor for a justice-loving, a freedom-loving, and a warless world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monday
January 4
1932

Almighty God, again the sweep of time has brought us to the threshold of a new year. Solemn and tender, indeed, are the thoughts which fill our minds. We pray that it may have for us mental

and spiritual treasure to enrich our whole lives. We thank Thee that we are the children of Thy handiwork; were it not so, the brightest day of earth would be darkness and every joy would pass under a perpetual eclipse. We are supported by the sublime truth that the angels of Thy providence will go before us and the angels of Thy mercy will camp about us, and from the heavens above the divine hand will pour light upon our pathway. Do Thou sustain and direct our President, our Speaker, and every Member of this House, that they may be brave to investigate and fearless to decide. In this hour so grave, so intense, so agitated may we listen, may we hearken to the highest challenge of faith and hope. May all selfishness, sectarian bias, and evil design melt away into brotherly love and pour into the golden circle of our homes the fullest measures of purity and sweetness, and may we relate ourselves in every way to the upper movements of our country. O Thou who art the Ancient of Days, put Thy finger upon the fevered pulse of the world, replenish its wasted places; may it feel the shame of its unworthy living and come back to Thy footstool. In defeat and victory may we pledge ourselves to Him, the Master over all. Amen.

THROUGH THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we rise to the great realities of our existence and know ourselves as the sons of God. Thus the things of earth are seen in their true proportion. In our aims, in our purposes, and in our anxieties may we be no disappointment to our fellow countrymen. Do Thou keep us awake and alive to our possibilities for service to raise the whole ideal of the well-being of the Republic. In the labors of this day may we express our patriotic devotion in action. Bless us with that compound of worldly prudence and spiritual insight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday
January 5
1932

Wednesday
January 6
1932

WE ARE GRATEFUL, BLESSED LORD GOD, that our thoughts go along the way of life. We are blest with the mercy of understanding, though sometimes we are unwise. We are not children of darkness, though sometimes we sit in the shadows. We praise Thee that the world to us is a call to service and life. Grant us such a warmth of soul, such a sense of God speaking within that we shall breathe a new consciousness that Thou art our Father. Bless us with the simplicity of childhood that we may know that the highway of a good inspirational life is the way of love and trust. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Thursday
January 7
1932

AS SELECTED SERVANTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE, HEAVENLY FATHER, may we do with our might the work which has been given us to do, advancing step by step in the rugged pathway of duty, strong in purpose, resolutely fulfilled. We ask Thee to give us strength among men; may we cheer them, encourage them, to help them and give wisdom to those who lack it. Exalt all nations; make the weak strong and keep the strong from impetuous pride and domination, and show forth those signs and tokens that shall give hope to all men. O Thou who art the great Life Giver, give spiritual life to us, and may we discern more than thought can find and more than language can express. Bless us with that hope and faith which overcome and bring out of life all things sweet and pleasant. Amen.

Friday
January 8
1932

O THOU WHO DWELLEST IN LOVE UNSPEAKABLE, we praise Thee. In our choicest experiences we can never understand the greatness, the height and the depth, the length and the breadth of divine love. We do rejoice that Thy government

is thus established, against which all things else may roll their ceaseless waves in vain. Be pleased, O God, to remember our whole land, with all its classes and conditions and vicissitudes. Remember those who are broken up in life and are in despondency. O may all causes of offense, dislike, and hate be purged away. Father of mercies allow justice, love-longing, and a common patriotism to be ushered—uniting all citizens inseparably so that the Nation may abide in peace, plenty, and prosperity. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Saturday
January 9
1932

O THOU PITYING GOD, who dost behold this great human world in which men blindly toil and strive, look upon it in mercy. Have compassion upon it, lift it up so that we may see the fates of men and nations with the feeling of our Heavenly Father. Subdue bitterness, arrogance, and pride, and the domination of selfishness. We pray that all may live together as brethren, in cooperative zeal, seeking to surpass only in those forces which are spent for others. Spirit of Wisdom Divine, defeat distemperature of passion, of conflicts, of collisions, and grant that peace may abide everywhere and light up the dark places of the earth. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Tuesday
January 12
1932

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, by searching we cannot find Thee out nor understand Thee to perfection. We approach toward the light, but its compass, its going forth, its source and glory no man can understand. We are pleased that Thou art beyond our comprehension. Thou art more loving, gentle, and kind than we know. Thou dost infinitely transcend the best things that we can bring to our conception. When the great day dawns we shall behold Thy glory and grandeur! Then, our Father, our souls shall break forth and

join the melody of the universe in ascribing all honor, dominion, and power unto Him who sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Until then, keep us humble, faithful, true, and upright as public servants and as private citizens. Amen.

Wednesday January 13 1932

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? We believe and are sure that Thou art the holy One of God. We tarry with Thee that Thou mightest brighten our vision of human need and service. May we not omit from the prospectus of our lives the enjoyment of love, the devotion and the fidelities of home, and the attachments of friends. Enable us to repress desires when they reach the frontiers of our rights, and each day may we make faithful and generous contributions to the common task. Fill us with that interpreting, filial love which shall make Thee transcendingly beautiful and which shall draw us along the ways of duty. O Thou who sittest in the midst of infinite glory and power, there is nothing that Thou dost forget except our sins. We praise Thee in the name of Him who hast known tears, sorrow, and death, and yet lives forevermore. Amen.

Thursday January 14 1932

OUR FATHER, WE LOOK BACK through the years and our alarms have been false prpohets, for Thou hast been a God of consolation, light, and joy. Do Thou bless us with patience, with forbearance, and with sympathy for all men. Lead us to bring our convictions, our influence, and our characters to bear boldly and directly upon all that is evil. May we stand in our conscience strength, seeking to help our country by our wisdom, by our thoughts, by our enthusiasm, and by our determination. Wherever men may be crossing the crowded ways of life, or in the remotest places of our land, or in homes waiting and watching for the sunrise, O

God, may we help them. So we pray that the spirit of the Golden Rule may prevail within the walls of this historic Chamber. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Friday January 15 1932

WE TURN TO THEE with our grateful hearts, blessed Lord. We thank Thee for the sense of loving God, and that we are Thy children forever more. Grant that these loving thoughts may soften our wills, chasten our selfishness, shame our pride, and strengthen us in the bonds of unity and concord. We would ask Thee for understanding hearts and for applying dispositions; let Thy wisdom and our need join in one plea. Spread among us that large-mindedness which shall unite us with growing force to Thee and to our fellow men. While we seek to build up and make strong the outward human life do Thou make us strong in the realms of the soul—in charity, fortitude, and outlook. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Monday January 18 1932

BLESS, O GOD, the Members and officers of this Congress, who are working so zealously for the good of our country; rule over all conferences and deliberations for the furtherance of Thine own purpose. We pray that all our citizens may live upright obedient lives and that morality and intelligence may prevail. Do Thou make Thy bounties universal and hasten the day when all jealousies shall cease which have separated nations so long and those angry passions which have dashed one upon another. Quench the spirit of the lower feelings and may the teachings of the Master dwell with all mankind. Oh help the old weary and torn world until its tears shall cease, its groans shall end, and it begins to sing in the morning light. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
January 19
1932

HEAVENLY FATHER, like a seam in the carpet we have passed through the doorway of another day! Oh, let Thine arms enfold us, and may we hear the sweet heart secrets which Thou alone canst impart. How we do thank Thee that here and there and always Thy mercy never faileth. Be very near any who are weak, any who are sick, and any who are in the gloom of trouble. Bless all of us with that tranquillity of soul which is as deep as the ocean, as peaceful as its calm, and as grand as its might. Oh, throne of God, remember us in all the plenitude of Thy compassion and awaken in us a very deep sense of duty and inspire us with the determination to do our share nobly. Through Christ our blessed Saviour. Amen.

Wednesday
January 20
1932

THY PRECIOUS WORD, O LORD, standeth sure. It says, "There is but one commandment which is central and that is love." O Love Divine, rest on the throne of our hearts and rule there in the name of our Saviour. May Thy sway be supreme and continuous until the end. Everywhere in all the earth let Thy name be honored. Come Thou and open the eyes of those who may be steeped in vainglory and earthly riches that the light of Thy truth may dawn upon them. O cleanse our natures from selfishness and from everything that pulls downward. Let us see more clearly, judge more accurately, and know with a common feeling that man sitting at the "gate beautiful", afar to the godless glitter of Solomon's throne, is the child of God Immortal. Amen.

Thursday
January 21
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, AS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER Thou seest how strong we are toward the things of the flesh and how feeble we are toward the things of the Spirit. On life's restless sea at times we seem like little children with tired hands at the oar. O

Lord our God, in the holy sanctuary of Thy infinite nature there is strength for the weak and love for the unlovely; Thou art so patient with us. We would live above human infirmity, and we pray Thou wouldst bring us each day under the shadow of Thy holy presence, as we have our nights and our days, our winters and our summers of experiences. Not until the last tear is shed, not until the last pulse of love has throbbed, not until the new heaven and the new earth appear will Thy mercy die away. In the adorable name of Jesus. Amen.



Friday
January 22
1932

OUR BLESSED LORD, may we walk among men with patience, with faithful rebuking of evil, in discernment of speaking the truth, and with appreciation for all. O let Thy kingdom come, for this old earth is waiting for it through the long, long years; let it not linger any longer on the stepping-stones of its afflicted life or in its fossil faults. Do Thou look upon it with its strickened hopes and take it to Thyself and make Thyself known to Thy children everywhere. When we wander, do Thou forgive us. May we never allow adversity to chill our hearts or abounding success to harden them. We thank Thee that Thy love is always glowing, always revealing some newer, some richer tokens of a wonderful providence. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Saturday
January 23
1932

ETERNAL GOD, Thy injunction is with us; may we not forget all Thy benefits. Let our eyes ever be open to behold Thy goodness and mercy. How sharply contrasted is our personal unworthiness, with Thy crowded gifts poured down upon us in such marvelous succession. They shine forth like the stars against a darkened sky. May we seal our allegiance to the One who was made perfect

through suffering. Father in Heaven impress us most earnestly, that now the elements and the opportunities for service are not far to reach; they are now at our feet. Let us lay them to our hearts and consecrate our common relations, our common tasks, and our common duties to the urgent needs of our whole country. The Lord God bless and direct this Congress as it moves forward in patriotic devotion to respond to the appealing calls of the Republic. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monday
January 25
1932

BLESSED LORD GOD, we turn to the altar of prayer and bare our hearts to receive that precious influence which is inspired by Thy holy presence. We ask for wisdom that directs, for faith that surrenders, and for love that purifies. Do Thou chasten the pride of our own understanding and reveal to us a newer and a diviner strength, for before silence can become golden it must be made rich in unction and in sweetness. O Spirit of the Most High God, help us to master our own natures completely, that we may be constantly honest in purpose, sincere in demeanor, and candid in word and in action. If we have failed to hallow the gifts of life, if we have spoken Thy name with unclean lips, do Thou forgive us in the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday
January 26
1932

INFINITE GOD, do Thou harken unto our prayer and so abide with us that we shall sound the spiritual chords of our beings. O lead us to the deep things of the soul; touch the depths of our hearts that our characters may break into spiritual beauty. For our country and for its citizenship we are thankful, but much there is to give us pause. In the midst of our scant and severe experiences let there be humiliation, that many may no longer be willing instruments of human folly. We pray for a

revival of seriousness, earnestness, and reverence in the American home, for it is the center of gravity of our national life. Allow not frivolity to claim inordinate attention about our firesides. God Almighty, bless them and graciously be with the parenthood of our land and save it from the careers of thoughtlessness and vanity. Be Thou with the Congress today and impress it that the satisfaction that is full and fresh is the joy that comes from wise, unselfish service. Amen.

Wednesday
January 27
1932

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, every new day is worthy of our best endeavor. May we measure our duty by our obligation by taking hold of the ordinary tasks and common experiences and transmit them into permanent values. Let us open our hearts to Thee, even as we would a dear friend who has come to keep us delightful company and make us feel that our labor is altogether worth while. Grant that the law of justice may be upon our lips and the spirit of kindliness in our hearts. We thank Thee for the fine joys of life and for Thy gracious will concerning us. Teach us that life in its divinest essence is nobility of soul, purity of heart, and a zealous activity in doing good. May we walk worthily, labor justly, and hate and despise falsehood and cowardice. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday
January 28
1932

FATHER OF MERCIES, Thou art so mindful of us that not a single day should be given up to fear or murmuring. Deliver us from every kind of bondage. Do Thou show us the wonder of Thy sacrifice, the grace of Thy gentleness, the glory of Thy condescension, and the scope of Thy love. Incline our hearts with reverence and godly fear to seek Thy favor and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. Enable us to speak the words of wise counsel. We pray that our outstanding ambitions may be to

serve our country and to conform our wills to the will of Almighty God. Persuade us that the light that shines farthest is the brightest at home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Friday
January 29
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, the pillars of Thy throne are truth and righteousness, yet Thou art as pitying as a father and as comforting as a mother. May we rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him. In our busiest hours direct us and in our loneliness give us good cheer, and may gratitude be the language of our hearts and happiness the music of our souls. Do Thou ever be the guide and the guardian of our country and give depth and power to the fundamentals of our Government. In this hour O God, lead the way. Give comfort to any heart sitting at the hearthstone and asking the reason of an empty chair and to any who may be murmuring in the shadows of grief. Through Christ. Amen.



Monday
February 1
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, before whom the nations bow, we thank Thee that our unworthiness has not forfeited Thy love and that our hearts respond to it in gratitude. O bless us with the heart of a little child—strong to obey, quick to serve, and ready in kindliness. O Lord we wait; we wait with our struggling faith in the outcome of this confused, turbulent old world. Some stupendous barrier is in the way, when all our yearning and striving for peace fails. The darkened sky seems to be such a receding horizon. Do Thou help the statesmen who are looking on with such growing apprehension and are laboring for the dawn of the morning. Go Thou behind the fortified frontiers and put Thy hand upon the curse of this mad, mad world, lest all lands become involved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday
February 2
1932

OUR FATHER AND OUR ETERNAL GOD, we thank Thee for that other world music that often cheers us on our way. In the frailty and insecurity of this passing world it softens the sense of our limitations whenever it breaks through upon our listening ear. O Thou who didst lead captivity captive and whose infinite glory and majesty hung upon the thorny branches of the cross, pity the homeless and the unfortunate and the afflicted. Let the light and the blossom of Thy presence be about the sick cot of every strickened Member of this Chamber. Open up the gloom until all weariness, fatigue, and discouragement shall pass away. O God, bless and comfort them with sweet peace. Stay their hope and their faith on Thee, in whose presence is the path of life and the fullness of joy. Amen.



Wednesday
February 3
1932

O GOD, while Thou art represented as being in Thy holy mountain and humanity is about Thy feet, help, Lord God, for the spirit of man never climbs toward the sky if the teachings of Thy begotten Son are not heeded and obeyed. Do Thou bless and give great impetus to every local and national agency which is seeking to alleviate the sufferings of the unemployed. The Lord God help the fortunate who may be blind and unmoved and those who are spiritually deformed who fail in this hour of distress. Touch their hearts, and may they transfer their allegiance to Him who went about doing good; may charity, which is that fine form of personal excellence, possess them. Our beloved country will never be altogether worthy until love and brotherhood are engraved on the many forms of its great heart. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday
February 4
1932

CREATE IN US, O LORD, clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us; then shall we know of that grace that inspires and directs the way of the blessed life. Accept the nameless longings of our hearts and the unuttered voices of our souls.

Again, our Father, the alarm has sounded and two splendid friends, brothers, and public servants have been called. At this moment we come to the fountain of comfort which is in the bosom of a loving Heavenly Father. Earth has not the flower of consolation at such a time as this; it blooms near the throne of infinite love. Let Thy light shine through upon the afflicted ones and may they hear the triumphant proclamation, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee." May their night of sorrow become as the day as Thy love and mercy brood over them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Friday
February 5
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou hast created us by the mystery of Thy holy might. Do Thou preserve us by the mystery of Thy holy providence and redeem us by the mystery of Thy holy love. May our desires be hallowed as we lift them up to Thee. Give us a deeper understanding of the real meaning of life and a clearer assurance of the spiritual depths of our own beings. Thy riches are unsearchable and Thy promises are sure and steadfast; we therefore praise Thee. So work in us that new confidence shall spring forth throughout our land, and may faith in our institutions be heralded from border to border. Let Thy merciful restraints and Thy wise compulsions be our guide this day, and may the jewel of peace crown our hearts at evening time. Amen.



Monday
February 8
1932

GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD MOST HIGH. May all the ends of the earth remember and turn unto the Lord and all the kindred of the nations worship

before Thee. In Thee may they trust, and let them never be put to shame. May this Congress feel how very important its place is. Deliver us from any lack of earnestness and enthuse us with the responsibility of true manhood. Keep in all our hearts the declarations and the counsels of God. We pray for any who be bearing burdens that they may be enabled to bear them courageously. Thou who art the infinite face of love, hope, and light, fill our own beloved land and the whole earth with Thy glory and come and reign over all. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday February 9 1932

Almighty God, be near all who are prosperous and happy and take not their blessings away. Let their songs of joyous life continue; but, Heavenly Father, may they break forth, cheering the lives of others, lifting their burdens as they struggle on these days. As on they go looking downward, wearying along the road, waiting for the night to come, bless them and help them. To those who have been blessed with the tokens of complacency, ease, and luxury, deliver them from all ignoble views of life. O let Thy Spirit pervade their very souls, and where the night reigned let the star rise, and may they hear no longer just the babble of self-interest. Teach all mortals that Thy truth is a strange commodity—the more that is sent away, the more there is at home. In the name of the world's Redeemer. Amen.

Wednesday February 10 1932

O Thou who art absolutely pure, breathe into our souls a love for Thee, for one another, and for mankind. Thou who art marvelous in mercy, in patience, and in long suffering for our sake give us a deeper insight into Thy holy nature. If any are adverse to one another, be their friend; if the shades of trouble are about, be their light; if others

are stingy of their joys, be our comforter; if there is no compass to direct the way, be their leader. Bless us abundantly that our souls may be rich in God. Do Thou answer every longing for knowledge, every yearning for wisdom, and all that springs forth from hearts overflowing with love. So direct us in the labors of this day that we shall not look back upon it with any vain regret. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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Merciful Lord God, how marvelous it is to know that the One who rules the universe has human sympathy. We bow before the God who is enthroned above all gods, and He will give us pity and help—infinitely wise and powerful, yet tenderly, lovingly, and compassionately human. We thank Thee with all out hearts. Thou hast answered the world-wide cry in the gift of Thine only begotten Son, our Saviour. The highest measure of man is to be like Him. Help us to open the gates of our whole spiritual being to Him, that a new face, a new love, and a new life may enter in. O Son of man and Brother of the races of earth, come forth and be the teacher of this old world. As it grows older may it not abandon the faith, the hope, the instruction of our fathers. Amen.

Friday
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Almighty God, may we be thankful today for a nation at peace, for a nation that seeks in every wise to promote international cooperation and brotherhood. We thank Thee, our Father, for the sweep of its ideas and for the challenge of its ideals, and for a republic whose glory is not in titles nor ranks. Today we take courage and inspiration from the great sons of our historic past, and especially for the great commoner who sprang from the loins of the common soil. As long as we remain a people our poor lads will look down the lanes of

the years and dream the old dreams, feel the old thrill, and be stung by his might. O more and more bring together all sections of our country. Be pleased, O Lord, to remember our President and our Speaker. Be Thou Emmanuel to all who are toiling and struggling, to all who are tempted and distressed by trial. O be near all who are suffering from the pangs of hunger or are harassed by poverty; but be very, very near all who are sick with famine of soul. Bring all creeds into a common circle; may they lean charitably and sympathetically upon one another; and, merciful Father, breathe into the hearts of all men the spirit of humanity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday February 13 1932

WE BESEECH THEE, OUR FATHER, that Thou wilt quicken all who walk in the way of duty and those who may search out neglected duty, and may they take upon themselves the whole service of our country. We thank Thee that Thou dost overflow with tenderness and grace, and that they come to us who are full of faults and weaknesses; we praise Thee that Thou art our remedy and our hope. O God may our country build that new heaven and that earth in which dwelleth righteousness and happiness; then men shall be able to stand the wear and the tear of the exigencies of time and change. Do Thou minister to the social influence of the family by affection, by refined taste, and by that peace and joy which have their pattern in Thee. Amen.

Monday February 15 1932

WE COME TO THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, in the name of Him who first felt for the struggling, toiling, laboring man, and who first taught human brotherhood. We thank Thee for Him who first said that life is more than meat and declared that it is love, beauty, and sonship with God. Oh, it

is not what the hand grasps, but what the eye sees and what the heart feels that makes life great. Do Thou turn all of us into a God-centered life. We look with reverence and adoration to the illuminated cross blazing in the skies. But, merciful Father, forgive us if we fail to be aroused by the millions of crosses around which the breath of the suffering sigh and moan. Lift men up from their barbarisms, their superstitions, and their cruelties. O Lamb of God, who for the love of man, stooped to a cross, dig Thou an everlasting grave for war and hate, and let the daylight come for which the world so long has waited. Amen.

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Thou all-wise and merciful God, Thou art speaking to us every day. From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same and from the blowing of the wind to where it listeth, these are all Thy voices; they speak of Thy truth and Thy bounty. To Thee, O Lord, belongs all the praise and glory; but why is our praise to Thee? It is not the flower that makes the sun radiant; it is the sun that pours its warmth and light into the flower that makes it grow and blossom. We rejoice that in some way we are bound to Thee; it gives us great comfort. We live because Thou dost live, and we stand because Thou dost stand. O grant us a higher reach of life, a life that is above all that is material. May we live by faith, by hope, and by humility, and crown our hearts with the mercy of gratitude. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Gracious Lord, reproach us, but do not be silent toward us. We yearn for the clear assurance that we have another chance. We thank Thee for the countless mercies of Thy providence. Thou art blessed forever and blessing forever—because it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thou who

art the infinite food of the universe, be Thou the bread and the water of our souls. The blessed Lord help us to be manly, to be faithful, to be proud where we are, and each day enable us to do that which is best and wisest. Help any who may be striving against doubt and fear and any who may be confused by uncertainties and know not how to minister in their perplexities. Give us courage to stand in the radiance of the white light where moral earnestness is the resistless force of our beings. Bear to each home the blessings of good health, safety, and happiness. Run this tremendous truth into all hearts: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Amen.

Thursday February 18 1932

MERCIFUL GOD, endue us with genuineness, with truth, with humility, with softness of speech, and with love. Bless us with this cluster of flowers from the heavenly garden. Do Thou crown us with high moral moods and quicken our spiritual instincts. Bless us with Thy unfailing guidance and give us the very best conceptions of life and duty. May we be patient under burdens, hopeful under difficulties, and inspire us with that supreme truth that we are the children of God. Bring out of our own natures a greater capacity to understand and a greater willingness to seek the whole truth. Purify our hearts, clarify our intellects so that the essential drift of our daily lives shall be away from sin and toward a higher and a better life. Bless every one of us with good thoughts, happy words, and cheerful hopes. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Friday February 19 1932

THOU HAST SAID, HEAVENLY FATHER, not a sparrow falls to the ground unnoticed. We thank Thee that not a trouble enters any breast that the eye of the Lord dost not behold. We praise Thee that it is the nature of greatness not to

despise littleness; that it is the nature of strength to be drawn toward weakness and that purity never seems so sublime as when it stoops to impurity. So we come, blessed Lord, with our conscious smallness and insufficiency, and we are comforted in the truth that we are guarded and sheltered in the folds of divine care. O Thou who art the Master of the morning and evening, may we never live for the pride of the eye, for the lusts of the flesh, nor for the pomp and vanity of this age-old world. Help us to cling to that which is beyond their touch and find treasures that moth cannot corrupt. Through calm and storm pour upon our pathway the balm of Thy holy presence as on we go. Amen.



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Thou ever-blessed God, our lives are filled with strange questions and mysteries. We pray today that Thou wilt sweep away the lore of wonder and make the obscure plain until it blossoms with rest and contentment. As Thy command and our obligations are universal, enable us to rise, and do Thou lead the way into that chamber of our souls where goodness dominates, where wisdom is supernal, where strength is divine, and where we are blessed and encouraged by the fruits of the Spirit. Take our many faculties, our intellects, our moral and social natures, and harmonize them with the universal law of love and brotherhood. Then, Heavenly Father, the poor will no longer despise the rich and the rich will no longer look with contempt upon the poor, for such an overflow of God in the soul is the most beautiful flower of Christian knighthood. Amen.



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Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, from everlasting even to everlasting. In Thy holy providence we wait this hour to render our

tributes of praise and gratitude to the memory of him whose heart and mind are the propulsive forces of our national existence. We pray that the youth of our land may be inspired by the recital of his sacrificial and heroic deeds as the fundamentals of free and representative government are condensed in him. May the patriotism of our entire citizenship flame forth these days in response to his spirit—the ideal master for the student, the ideal general for the dauntless soldier, and the ideal citizen for all brave patriots. Heavenly Father, do Thou lift the mantles that make for mental drabness and soul darkness. Let the lessons of this day touch every fireside, every hamlet, and every schoolhouse, and may they feel the wonder value of that contribution He made to all humanity. While empires rise and fall, while palaces and altars go down together He will still live and travel with the future years.

Almighty God, let Thy kingdom come—Thy kingdom of righteousness and peace; not the trumpet, not the banner, not the armed host but the kingdom of brotherhood. Out of the darkness bring forth the light, out of tears bring forth gladness, and out of the world's groans bring forth the songs of deliverance. Expel from all lands the misereres and the requiems, and let the whole realm rejoice together. Unstop the ears of the nations, and may they hear the witnesses of the centuries. They tell us that righteousness and not the sword is the fruit of the vision of God, and that His order for the whole earth is fraternity and not the ravages of conquest. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY in the name of Him who is chief among ten thousand and the One altogether lovely. His fidelity and true simplicity, the harmony of the elements of His character, His voice and life, these are the reasons

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that His holy name floats through all periods of time. May we trust him; may we accept Him. We thank Thee for the constancy of His example; namely, He went about doing good. There was not the tear of a child, the appeal of a woman, or the curse of a culprit that did not awaken the greatness of His soul and called forth His compassion. Father of mercies, may we harken unto His teaching: "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days." Amen.

Wednesday
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BOW DOWN THINE EAR, O LORD, for we are poor and needy. Inspire us with a serene faith that crowns the soul with rest. O God, graciously regard our country, and may all our citizens be trained in the fundamental moralities of the family, the community, the school, and the state. May they have in them the love of purity, of truth, of honor, and of Christian courtesy. Gracious God, may this Congress receive the blessing of Thy daily guidance. Bless it with wisdom in activity, with understanding in aggression, and with assurance in duty. Give it that tranquility of mind that holds fear in abatement and lends to courage calmness and strength. Quicken the public conscience and make men know that the glory of a nation lies in its high moral tone. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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THEY THAT TRUST IN THE LORD are as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed but abideth forever. Help us, O Lord, to set our conscience by the moral sense of God. As Thy law is so just, Thy love so bountiful, and Thy wisdom so infinite, may they command our unquestioned obedience and our full measure of devotion. Thou knowest us altogether, wherein we are weak and wherein we are strong. Lead us toward Thyself that our

strength may grow. Oh wondrously sweet and helpful is the service inspired by Thy wisdom and blest by Thy grace. Continue to establish the ideals for which our fathers gave their lives and liberties. Bless our country; and may we build our very selves into the life and character of its splendid institutions. Help us in the solution of problems that perplex mind and heart, and bless our people everywhere with the bounties of Heaven's mercies. Amen.

Friday February 26 1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we come to Thee with no complaint; we find no fault; we trust Thy love and are sure of the way. It is very sweet, as time passes by, to look back and trace the finger of God where we saw once only the forbidding uncertainties along our pathway. Always day by day may love of country transfigure every duty and make it an exalted pleasure. O magnify the strong cardinal virtues in us and keep us aroused to wise, earnest, patriotic service. O Thou, the Christ of God, fill the world with hope. In Thee there is power to obtain justice and mercy for this tired and disappointing day. In Thy name there is more power, a thousandfold more, than in any other name in the wide world. Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and open the prison to them that are bound and give the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Amen.

Saturday February 27 1932

THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT reigneth and in His holy hands all things rest. Surely we are encompassed by Thy mercy and no good thing dost Thou withhold from us. Let us feel this day the impulse and the restraint of Thy presence. May our opportunities for public service be held as sacred trusts for Thy glory and for the peace and

contentment of our whole country; impress us with a solemn sense of our responsibility. In every way may we be worthy of the very best traditions of the Republic. Enable us above all things to maintain the sanctity of Thy precepts, follow the way of Thy revealed truth, and to love Him who first loved us. Our Father, we pray Thee to hear those whose dumb entreaties are written on their hearts and whose language cannot be told. For Thy name's sake. Amen.



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Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake. Thou wilt bless every good act and not allow any good thing to be forgotten. O God, help us to associate ourselves with great principles of truth and wisdom that shall bless generations to come. Inspire rectitude in the public conscience, and may the sense of justice and consistency grow strong in the social order. Continue to give us faith to endure and strength to stand patiently waiting for the disclosures of Thy providence. Bless us, our Heavenly Father, with a complete integrity of mind, and may there be not one rusted link in our mental armor, and thus safeguard us against failure and weakness. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Wednesday
March 2
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Still, still with Thee in the promise and the freshness of another day! Almighty God, Thou art altogether righteous and holy, and the passion of Thy heart is that Thy earthly children should be good. Thou dost summon us to bring our lives in unison with Thy will. Come, O Lord God of hosts, and may Thy fullest benediction be shed within these historic walls today. Grant that these servants of the Republic may be molded by the standards of Him who is the perfect model for

all men. Do Thou walk with us, that we fail not nor turn aside. In our relations with the world of humanity, keep us away from the sustained hatred, which is the fertile soil of revenge and the spring of the insanity of war. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the God of love and compassion, hear us in this moment of our speechless pain. Do Thou harken unto the voiceless appeals of our country in behalf of the breaking hearts of our notable son and daughter. Look Thou upon their upturned faces, marred with an anguish that only a mother knows. Infinite God, give divine comfort to Rachel as she weeps for her lost child and restore her baby boy to the folds of heavenly love and devotion. Sustain them with succor, courage, and help and give immediate guidance and direction to those who are seeking the fiends of this ruthless crime. Deliver us from the criminal heathens of our land. They go browsing about as demons, clawing like beasts, gnawing like worms, and killing like the imps of midnight. Great God, let a gale of wrath come from Thy throne, intervene in their hellish plans, and spare our country from the perils of the racketeer and the kidnaper. Hear us, O Thou Ancient of Days, and grant that softness may be taken out of the law. Let quick justice be administered, and let it swell like a mountain bulging from the level of a plain. O God, rescue our homes from godless indifference and arouse them with a revival of genuine religion. Amen.

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March 3
1932

HEAVENLY FATHER, we lift our hearts unto Thee and pray for a quickening of all our best powers. So direct us that our duties shall be performed in wisdom and in discretion. If we have anxiety, quiet it; if we have groundless fear, put it to rest.

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O God, may we have a deep, sincere appreciation of moral values. Bless us with the tenderest sympathy for human frailty and sustain us with faith in the final triumph of the right. Merciful God, constantly abide with those who carry great sorrows. Bless any of our officers and Members who may be in distress; give them courage and hope, that they may trace the rainbow through the rain. Comfort the shattered home about which our country is pouring its fervent prayers; do Thou answer them. May the parents be fed no longer with the bread of tears. Strike down the dull, hardened, and blackened souls of the killers and the robbers of life, and let righteousness and justice have their way. In Thy holy name. Amen.

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Our Father, we thank Thee for that love which measures itself by suffering for the poor and needy and heartbroken. Go forth, O love divine, and make Thy disclosures by which men are redeemed from the lower spheres of human life. O break upon them in the fullness of Thy power until it shall incite them to things beautiful and holy. Save us from the bondage and proscription which are of the sinful levels of society. Lead us upward in the spiritual and intelluctual life in which unbounded faith, hope, and love bestow their choicest blessings. O God, stand behind every weeping soul; be not far away from every distressed orphan; be near every oppressed widow in the hour of her trial, and remember all Thy children of weakness and want. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Heavenly Father, in the name of Thine only begotten Son we wait in Thy presence. In Him we have the one perfect example and rule of conduct. When our faith falters and we drift, when

our vigilance ceases and we stumble, when temptation is nigh and we face an emergency, in Him we have a refuge. We thank Thee that He belongs to human necessity and to all mankind. He endured the awful night that we might become the children of the day. Sublime was His sorrow that we might have joy unspeakable and full of glory. Bless our country; break down all barriers of unholy and unpatriotic alliances; cast up the way that we shall be able to withstand the rage of malice, the spleen of social hate, and the tyranny of lawlessness. O God, our Father, save the Nation's lost child. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
March 8
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IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, O Most High. Out of our grateful hearts let us fulfill our tasks. O King Eternal, whose right is to reign and whose throne from everlasting to everlasting, make our hearts Thy empire, a kingdom cleansed and purified. Do Thou enlarge the bounds of the invisible world to us. Grant that everywhere and at all times we may believe that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. So enter our lives that we may rejoice in infirmity, in temptation, and in trial, and help us toward that final joy in which the memory of all trouble, all tears, and all heartaches have vanished forever. Almighty God, help us to lift up a standard for the people; enable us to rally the elements of society that have been badly discouraged in their battle with adversity and tell them that the conflict is not lost. May the note of victory be sounded forth in the name and in the strength of our Jehovah Father. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, THY LOVE inspires our prayer to Thee as our Father. Thou wilt never abandon Thy children. Every cloud will have its rainbow,

and every rock will yield sparkling fountains of refreshment. Oh, let us possess that which is far better than earthly gems—the fruit of the matured graces—and then all duties will be put under contribution to the greatest good and our highest possibilities. In these days—days in which our faith is burdened and we just wonder—may our wisdom and our sympathy work helpful transformations. The good Lord direct the soul of Columbia. May we not lose heart nor allow our great institutions to be made ugly by passion or pessimism. Oh, may our love melt selfishness and our brotherly spirit soften the hardened heart. For the erring, faulty, failing one may we have the outstretched hand. Incline us to help carry the burdens of the weak, the sorrows of the poor, and thus fulfill the divine commandment. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Heavenly Father, the giver of all mercies, look upon us with divine favor and deal graciously with us. As we draw near to Thee for this moment, may this place be a sanctuary for the soul. We thank Thee for Thy goodness which accompanies us day by day; upon us Thou dost pour out Thy blessings from Thy undiminished abundance. O infinite God, Thou who dost care for the suns and stars, we praise Thee that Thou dost have time and thought for Thy children. May we never starve out of our hearts the heavenly grace of gratitude. O spare us from the curse of ingratitude which is the most prevailing sin of the world. Whatever we do this day as selected lawmakers of the land, may we do it in the spirit of consecration to the needs and welfare of all the people. Whatever our lot, lead us on, and may we find that Thy yoke is easy and Thy burden light. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Friday
March 11
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O Lord God, Thy mercy has been our portion again. Whether as a cherished anticipation or as a glad, sweet surprise, it is upon us, and we thank Thee. Merciful Father, teach us again: Blessed are they who carry forward life's broken ministries; blessed are they who renew the light in some dark human tenement; blessed are they who hold on to their better selves in the face of temptation; blessed are they who take their places in the councils of a nation and seek to serve unselfishly and even sacrificially all the people. O God, bless our whole country and all its institutions that promote human welfare. O fill it with the biggest things ever attained, with the greatest things every longed for; and with the highest hopes that ever throbbed in its great soul. Let it feel the mighty swell of the everlasting arms that never fail. Amen.



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In this sacred stillness, O Lord, we wait. We bless Thee that there is a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness. Let this supreme truth inspire us with increasing hope and courage; put us all in harmony with it. In humbleness of heart we ask for another opportunity to work; may we have mental poise in all that we shall do. In our unwisdom may the fundamental principles of right and wrong be adhered to. We claim no exemption from duty, but we do pray for divine guidance in all our efforts to increase the stability and the prosperity of our country. Unto all our people be Thou the teacher of wisdom, the soother of grief, the healer of wounds, and keep the lamp of happiness burning at every hearthstone. About them may life be rich and full of heavenly love, and always sustained by the reflections of wisdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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BLESSED LORD AND FATHER OF US ALL, with our waiting breath we lift to Thee our prayer of gratitude. In our sins and in our failures do Thou remember mercy. May we wear worthily the badge of our station and be earnest, brave, and true to these vital days of the Republic. Endue us with the love that envies not, that seeks not its own but labors and suffers for the advancement of all good. May our love of country be an adult and a noble desire to make it of the greatest possible service to citizens of all sections. Persuade us always that reliance on physical force alone is the road to ruin and that cooperation, brotherhood, and unselfishness can stand all tests under all circumstances and never be ashamed. Do Thou remember our Speaker, every Member and officer of this Congress. Touch all of our firesides and fill them with the sweetest joy. Amen.

Tuesday
March 15
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AS THE TIDES OF EACH DAY break on the shore lines of our lives, give us strength, O God, to bear the load, to withstand the evil and the spirit of willingness to accept the good. O Master and Teacher of men, be Thou the inspiration and the standard of our daily conduct. Brighten the skies of our country and of all peoples. May they determine their services by the common fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We pray that what we shall do this day shall meet Thy approval and contribute to the welfare of our fellow men. Keep alive that sacred flame in our breasts that generates the moral and the spiritual power of our beings. With counsels of wisdom, prudence, and discretion direct us, and unto Thy excellent name be praises forever. Amen.

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HEAVENLY FATHER, as we are confronted with hard duties and at times with oppressive cares, we ask for grace sufficient to live each day right, neither being overpowered by temptation nor overwhelmed by burdens. Blessed Lord, we pray for that strength which triumphs over weakness, hope over fear, faith over doubt, and good cheer over despair. Father, make our lives large and full, so that they shall be altogether worth while. O take them and impart unto them such a spirit and such a satisfaction so that they shall be rich and helpful. By the manifestation of the truth, walking in the might of honor and uprightness, may we commend ourselves to the favor and esteem of all men. We thank Thee for Him who commands our supreme love. He is not only the Light of one age and one land but the Light of the world and the greatest personal revelation of a merciful God. All glory be unto His holy name. Amen.

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O THOU IN WHOSE PRESENCE WE WAIT, we thank Thee for the history of the Republic. It is a goodly vine we have inherited. Its clusters of blessings hang richly and its roots run out in many ways for the welfare of our people. Always enable us to understand our responsibilities and to see the possibility of a greater patriotism. Make it an inspiration for us to go out and be better citizens and to carry to higher usefulness the influence which we possess. O Father, bless all philanthropies which go forward to reach the ignorant, to give bread to the hungry, and to give freedom to those who are oppressed. Permit all good things to survive and succeed. Grant us, Heavenly Father, courage to withstand all temptations of power, position, and pride. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, teach us to pray, for without prayer there cannot be any richness of experience or abiding depth of character; just now do Thou hear our prayer. In this restful moment may there be a withdrawal from the rivalries, defeats, and triumphs of life, and also from the fever of living; continue with us this day. Let our souls be at home with themselves in the spirit of contemplation. O keep us from that spiritual paralysis in which the soul no longer leaps and climbs toward God. Father, hearken; crown our virtues with the power of faith—faith in ideals, in principles, in moral causes, and in spiritual forces. Preserve our land from a destructive materialism that thrives on selfishness. Crush the seeds of ill will in the soil of our country, and everywhere may the surplus of one become a blessing to the other. This day let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy glory unto their children. Amen.

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MERCIFUL GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, who dwellest in the radiance of that light which no mortal can approach and where no unclean thing can enter, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts; grant us forgiveness of our sins and assure us of Thy favor. In our exultant moments and in our anxious dreads be with us and awaken in us those deep vibrations which are deeper than all other truths. In every situation may we have a passion of zeal and exercise a wise, resolute industry in the service of our country. O Thou who givest liberally and upbraidest not, bless us with that spirit that forgives easily, generously, and completely. We pray that our energies may be in close and constant relation to the great duty and help we owe the well-being of the Republic. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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HEAVENLY FATHER, we praise Thee for a continuance of Thy merciful goodness, utterly marvelous, miraculous, and strange. It supplies a hope very dear and precious—a hope that looks forward into the distant ages of God; let its hymn be sung in all our hearts; cleanse Thou us from secret faults. May we not soil the page of life with thoughtless, heedless, sinful fingerprints. Each day may there be in us the process of the formation of habits of mind, of character, and of life that shall carry us forward into those regions where goodness inspires every faculty of our being. Heavenly Father, quiet fretful voices and irritations and ease the minds of care. Help us to have conquest over unwise propensities and let justice and wisdom dictate all conclusions. Gracious Lord, guide us through these troublesome times. May the good of country be our whole mission and a restful conscience the reward of our toil. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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March 22
1932

OUR FATHER, our prayer to Thee is not an attempt to change Thy will, but to adjust our motives to the divine purpose. Thou hast said, "God so loved the world"—then it is not lost. Have pity when Thou lookest upon its marred face. Restore unto it everywhere the blessings of just and righteous government. Look upon our own country; may we have a boundless faith in its institutions and work unceasingly for its greatest good. Mold our decisions and determine their direction. Create within us heroic convictions, and may we be of tried metal in every hour of need. Make us men who bear in our breasts the worth of man. God help him; he is more immature than wicked. By every widening of our affection for him we reflect the character of our Elder Brother. Grant that we may have this day the consciousness of having done cheerfully the

things which are altogether worthy of our station and made an essential contribution to the stability of the Republic. Amen.

Wednesday March 23 1932

O THOU who art the revelation of eternal love, may we seek constantly to be filled with Thy spirit, using our position, our influence, and our knowledge to soften the sorrows and lighten the burdens of our people. Thus we shall hasten society on to the better days. Thou Christ, with whom everlasting truth doth prevail, unto whom the winds were obedient as Thy holy feet pressed the turbulent surface of the darkened waters, do Thou ripen our judgment and bring us into the clearest and fullest light of Thy wisdom. So direct us that Thou canst give solemn and tremendous sanction to our conclusions. Make our associations helpful; lift them to a plane of brotherly fellowship and cooperation. Merciful God, we pray that the call of our Nation may be our creed and allow nothing whatsoever to lull the needs of the land into the shades of neglect or defeat. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday March 24 1932

THIS DAY, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, bring every Member of this Congress into an experience of that knowledge, understanding, and judgment heretofore unknown. O do Thou support us with the opulence, with the might and the blessedness of a living faith. Lighten the burden that weighs down, that irritates, and drives to discouragement. Make us conscious of that power that can lift up and lead us in the way of a wise success. Most graciously be with our President and Speaker and all others who have been placed in authority over us. The blessed Lord God mercifully regard our country, the land that has filled so many great and profound souls with rapture and for the

centuries past has been the asylum for earth's oppressed. Inspire us all to labor and to toil for its greatest good while the groaning, sweating, bleeding aspects of human life are passing by. In Thy holy name we ask mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

Saturday March 26 1932

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Monday March 28 1932

BESTOW UPON US, O Lord, our God, that enduement of light and grace which are necessary to lift into the largest and noblest life; allow not courage and conviction to succumb to weakness. O Spirit of Might, inspire us to unyielding devotion to the right as Thou, O God, giveth us to see the right. Lead us into the fullness of that which is wisest and best. Through these laboring, waiting hours make all minds considerate and patient. Wilt Thou grant to those who are bearing heavy burdens that require constant thought and endeavor relief from weariness, and may they have an alliance with Thee that gives strength and vision. Our Heavenly Father, may we all bend ourselves to our tasks, and thus while helping others we shall find ourselves illuminated and blest. Amen.

Tuesday
March 29
1932

Holy Spirit, faithful Guide, do Thou hear our supplication. As we venture upon this day, may we not reject the wisdom that cometh from Thy Holy Word. With open minds may we accept the precepts of its wise and cautious teachers. Touch us where our heart lies, that its undertone may be of that rest which inspires the sweet song of life. Oh, may its string never break or its harp become tuneless. Again, our Father, lead us to understand that cooperation is the basis of success and, if wisely observed, will feed the roots of stable government. We bear upon the lips of this noon-day prayer a petition for these honored and faithful servants of our land. We beseech Thee that the whole course and flow of this Congress may be the very fountainhead from which all our people shall gather inspiration which shall be justified for years to come. Spirit of the Most High, move upon us, and with urgency and zeal, with longings and aspirations may we press faithfully onward. Amen.



Wednesday
March 30
1932

We thank Thee, our Father and our God, that the way to the altar of prayer is plain. Here may we be borne into the presence of conscious wisdom, goodness, and power. We are here, blessed Lord, with our yearnings, longings, and needs. Send us forth with a sense of Thy guidance. And with the remembrance that Thou art our Heavenly Father upon earth, so refresh us that we may wear the colors of the morning and not the shades of the evening. Cleanse us from selfish pride, passion, and evil inclinations. O God, bring Thy infinite, holy self to bear upon our entire country. Take our whole realm into Thy grasp. Enlighten the ignorant, transform the unpatriotic, and lift up the fallen. Punish those who deny the sanctity of the fireside and disregard the social order. Set free joyous tidings until they

sound and resound everywhere and the bow of promise radiating above every hearthstone. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday March 31 1932

Most gracious God and Father, do Thou grant us a large portion of Thy wisdom that we may do the work intrusted to us; to fulfill our duty is a morality that has its own value. Thy laws are just and holy, and to violate them is to involve our souls in guilt. The Lord God forgive and bless us with that gladness and satisfaction that come from renewed thought, power, and desire. May we this day give full proof of our integrity and of a conscience that needeth not to be ashamed. O fill us with the visions, the charities, and the enthusiasms of a new life. Crown us with the conquering energy of truth that vindicates itself, setting forth commanding ideals from which spring the power that changes man and remodels society. Do Thou dominate us this day by the sovereign love and wisdom of grace divine, and unto Thee be eternal praises. Amen.

Friday April 1 1932

Almighty God, our everlasting Father, unto whom be eternal praises, Thou who weighest the planets in their journey, O may we lift our eyes and find that the Lord is near. Whilst Thou dost dwell in darkness, may we feel Thee in our loves and in our fears. O Thou unseen One, come into all of our lives and fill up their needs, which are not satisfied with our own desires and passions. Hear us, hear us this moment. Let Thy approval be upon all of the deeds and the acts of this day.

We pause, we pause. Again the great shadow has fallen across our pathway. Again we face the great mystery of mysteries. Our Heavenly Father, upon all those who dwell within its forbidding folds, we ask Thy gracious blessing. Be unto them

the Bright and the Morning Star of peace and hope and faith. Sustain them with a consolation that shall never pass away. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday
April 5
1932

MOST GRACIOUS FATHER, we thank Thee for Thy redeeming love, unfailing care, and for Thy unerring guidance. As Thou art the sure foundation for a good, upright life, may we cling to Thee with unbroken trust. Bear company with us today and hear our urgent prayer for divine help in meeting the tasks which are before us. Sustain us with that peace that never flows in but always flows out. Stoop to our hearts with their tenderest longings, yearnings, and with their priceless treasures of human ties. If any of our homes are in the valley, lead them through it and bring them to the mount of strength and health. Beneath all the breathing, throbbing things of life, teach us how to love Thee with faithfulness, with cheerful sacrifice, and with steady devotion to serve the Republic. Amen.

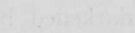
Wednesday
April 6
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we would pray unto Thee, saying: Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! We praise Thee in our hearts for the tides of Thy love and mercy. We beseech Thee that we may always feel most deeply the incentives of conscience and duty. Endow us richly with faith and courage and send us on our duty with Thy blessing, and may all tasks be borne with wisdom and patience. On this memorable day, O God, we pause; we hail it with joys of rapture, and may we realize our gratitude to our soldier braves. Wherever the shadow of our flag falls may there be heart room and home room for all. O may the curse of war never be permitted again to run its course. When this old, sorry world awakens to the disease of its bloody trail, then the day of its deliverance will have dawned. In the very soul of our country

may there be enshrined the precepts of the Master. Plant them there, merciful Father, and let them remain while time endures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday
April 7
1932

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, though we cannot perceive all Thy ways, and much is hidden because we are so imperfect, yet Thy great brooding soul overhangs us still. We rejoice in Thy supremacy, though it is too wonderful for our self-closed eyes. Hear us, for we approach Thee in the name of Him who so marvelously identified Himself with humanity. Arouse us all with His passion, which was a passion for good upright living; stir us with a holy restlessness with things wrong and unjust, and with a sacred determination to make our contribution toward a better day and a better country. Enable us to so labor and strive for these, that luster shall be added to our patriotic citizenship. Keep us in harmony with that divine order whose chief concern is to save man in a saved world. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Friday
April 8
1932

AGAIN OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, Thou hast manifested Thyself as our merciful Heavenly Father. We thank Thee for all the days of strength we have had in the midst of weakness and for the comforts we have had in the midst of sorrows. Today may we stand with open vision and with grateful hearts toward Thy throne of confession and thanksgiving. May we understand more perfectly how great is the goodness of the Lord toward us. Send forth Thy light upon our great Nation. Grant that ignorance may flee away and that knowledge may prevail. Thou art calling us these days by unnumbered blessings. Bring all our fellow citizens together at our country's altar in praise and gratitude for all Thy

wondrous works, and may we cheerfully accept sacrificial duty and not fail in our patriotic devotion at such a time as this. Inspire our people everywhere with confidence and faith in our Government, which secures our safety, our happiness, and our liberties. In the adorable name of Jesus. Amen.



Saturday
April 9
1932

THOU WHO ART THE GOD of the whole earth, Thou wilt be glorified. Help us to have more faith in its final redemption and that all things will work together for good to them that love Thee. As Thy children Thou dost give joy to life, elevation to aims, sweetness to experience, and peace to our souls. We thank Thee for this divine oversight which keeps the gates of mercy open day and night. O God, shape, direct, and control all the uplifting agencies of our national life. As they echo throughout the land, may they work heroically at the core of its very existence. Wilt Thou bind all citizens together by the high excellence of cooperation. Do Thou harken, Lord: Wilt Thou bring forth light into the home that is darkened by death and give peace and resignation to those who are bowed down by the great affliction. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Monday
April 11
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, in the name of Him who knew poverty, who knew want, who knew isolation, and who knew the agony of death we pray. May His disinterested love and His unfailing obedience to the everlasting Father inspire our devotion to our fellow men. They were so deep, so real, that He gave no thought of self. O God, in whose hand is the destiny of our Nation, come to us, Put a check to all forms of greed, put a mighty restraint on all lawlessness, and give discouragement to social excess. May all these channels be cleansed,

that henceforth there may spring the fairest things of our national life. Amid all questions, O give us power to adjust ourselves according to our ability and to Thy holy will, and unto Thy name be eternal praises. Amen.

Wednesday April 13 1932

IN THE SILENCE of our own consciousness, Almighty God, we have the token that we are the children of a merciful Father. Thou hast taught us many things. Not the knowledge of the outward world, not the knowledge of the framework of the universe, but the unutterable things of the Spirit, which reach forth into the higher life; we therefore praise Thee, Thou who has been with man from the dawn, come in fuller measure into our lives, leading us on and on until the light of Thy truth glows and flashes on our pathway; speak and make Thy purpose with us sure and clear. We have come through the most awful carnival of blood and tears in the world's history. O God, let that old world die, and let the new world of brotherhood tarry while we are here. On wearied men everywhere may the breath of a new life come and may they snatch redemption out of threatening ruin. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday April 14 1932

HEAVENLY FATHER, we would pray with the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Thus prudence shall become righteousness and morality shall become goodness that is altogether noble before God. The Lord stimulate us to take our rightful place today, to do our part in making society more contented and inspire men and women to the best service of our country. Where frowns would gather, may we bring a smile; where discouragement threatens, may we evoke a faith; and where the load lies heavy, may we give a lift. As

our Heavenly Father upon earth, full of grace and truth, take us by the hand and lead on and up to the higher planes of thought and life, until we reach the tablelands of God, where we shall lull the ills of time into forgetfulness and bury them without a sigh. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Friday April 15 1932

Accept our deep gratitude, O God, for Thy truth, for its ageless validity, and for Thy every-day mercy. In all our ways may we acknowledge Thee. There are many questions of duty clear to our reason as the light of day. O may we not disregard the strongest and the best persuasions of our understanding. Reveal unto us the highest laws in the universe; namely, the laws of humanity and service. May they plead eloquently and persistently against all forms of selfishness, which is the secret of many woes, and render the emulations of the social order so bitter and destructive. In all things keep us temperate and in alliance with those manly virtues that live and cannot die. We would of Thee, our Father, not a flash of feeling, but a disposition; not a mood, but a character; not a moment of personal exaltation, but a life, good and strong and abiding. Through Jesus Christ out Lord. Amen.

Monday April 18 1932

From day to day, our Father, we pray that we may live in the trust of God and in that peace which was the benediction of the Master. Grant that this connection between Thee and us may be deeply realized; to this end do Thou purify our hearts and justify our lives. Crown us with unfaltering fidelity and patience in the place to which our country has assigned us. May we rise to a fine conception of the public service in the discussion of all problems. Allow nothing to disturb or supersede us in the discharge of our obligation

to the Republic. Almighty God, in the very soul of the Nation do Thou establish righteous stability and confidence in our institutions that make for happiness and prosperity. Defeat the evils that make us mourn. Do Thou bless all of us with the light, with the sweetness, and with the atmosphere of the upper world. Amen.

Tuesday
April 19
1932

Come Thou, the One whose power is in love, in long suffering, and in the gentleness and reign in us. Restrain us from intemperate words and give us the disclosures of Thy wisdom; hold them as a torch to guide us in all our ways. O God, lift us above any lower forms of motive and appeal and inspire us with a conception of duty that shall grow larger and wiser and more beautiful. O may it not be a vain thing that we are here. Bestow upon us such an understanding of our country's call and need that disquietude shall be arrested, all our fellow countrymen shall be encouraged, and the epic of the human heart heard again in all our land. In the adorable name of Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday
April 20
1932

Blessed Lord God, our everlasting Father, graciously be with all the Members of this Congress, and may their hearthstones be under Thy fostering care. Upon the masses of our people, down to the wanderers of the street, let Thy blessing come for their enrichment and for the good of our country. Merciful Father, Lord of all loveliness, as we pass through the floods and the flames of earth's experiences, Thou wilt give us the victory. Do Thou bring all mourning ones out of their tribulations and sanctify to them their distresses. Almighty God, when the light of our little day begins to tremble and we journey on through the dull twilight gray, until falls the

silence of our earthly house, Father of infinite love, be there, in the memorable name of our Savior. Amen.

Thursday April 21 1932

O THOU ETERNAL GOD, who wert and art and evermore shall be, in Thine only begotten Son, we behold Thy heart throbbing from heaven to earth; we would listen to Thee in stillness of soul. Once more let us feel the sense of Thy sweet grace. Under all circumstances let forgiveness take the place of retaliation, sacrifice the place of indulgence, and union the place of rivalry. Oh, may these virtues be the sovereign antidotes to the pains and the stings of life. In the promise and the power of a new day fill us with the love of country and with the enthusiasm of justice. O God, convince us with emphasis that supreme good fortune comes to those who lose themselves in some good, generous task; may we surrender ourselves to the interest and to the dignity of our labors. Our Father, lead the way. In the name of the Christ. Amen.

Friday April 22 1932

O THOU WHO ART THE HEART of our hearts and the soul of our souls, sustain us with the courage of faith and with the light of hope. Allow these divinely inspired virtues to expel fear and anxiety and lead us on in the ways of right. Another Member, beloved and honored, has joined the ranks of the immortal dead. Bend to our prayer and bear company with us in our sorrow. Silent is that home as the companion of the years sits alone, looking out upon a barren earth, shadowed by that mysterious power that makes life's deep undertone. O Thou who art the messenger of sympathy and comfort, keep her close to that realm where angels have their birth and wear their garments of white and love through the eternal years. O Mighty God, hear us as our

souls speak in tears of gratitude to Thee for the whisper of the Lord in our hearts: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." We praise Thee that the river of life flows on forever and the light is above us and rest is before us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday
April 23
1932

OUR FATHER, WHO ART THE GUIDE of mankind, wilt Thou let Thy providence bring forth in our own beloved land the fruits of righteousness, contentment, and prosperity? Bless us with the wonderful graces of the Master—with His courage, with His forbearance, and with His sympathy for all men. May all nations be united in faith and hope. Take out of every conflict the sting of bitterness, of selfishness, that a true feeling of brotherhood and cooperation may be felt throughout the world. May prejudice flee away, may all suspicion disappear, and may all peoples come to the knowledge of the Lord God as their Heavenly Father upon earth. Amen.

Monday
April 25
1932

FOR THIS BRIEF MOMENT, OUR FATHER, we would close the doors of our senses that we may be able to hear Thee within; to know the divine will, may this be our purpose. We wait on Thee, O God, but we have no terms to define Thy greatness. But stretch out Thy hand upon us, control our understanding, direct our spirits, and guide our wandering hearts. Do Thou inspire us with aspirations of soul, with lofty desires, and with gracious affections. Blessed God, make us bigger and better for the service to our country this day. Be Thou, Almighty God, with this Congress and guide it into the things that shall be for the stability of our times and for the welfare of our great people, and unto Thee be eternal praises. Amen.

Tuesday
April 26
1932

Blessed Lord God, we pray to Thee, to whom we owe our first, our last, and our eternal allegiance. May nothing stand between us and our obedience to Thy holy will. Let Thy sympathy make us social, Thy love make us charitable, and Thy grace make us cheerful. So our order lives that they will respond to service and sacrifice. Endow us with the mind that sees the heights and with the soul that sounds the depths, and in all things keep us in harmony with Thy holy purpose. Spare our country from that poverty which kills the spirit that the physical nature may be preserved. Bless us with that spiritual adventure through which we may see the real wealth of life. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.



Wednesday
April 27
1932

To our merciful Father in Heaven we offer our tributes of praise and gratitude. Incline our hearts toward Thee as we tarry in the multitude of Thy blessings, so free and full. May it always be our delight to spend our strength and zeal on the very best themes of human thought and life. We beseech Thee, our Father, that this warring, weeping old world may not go back to the trenches of hate. O bring a fresh redemption to it that shall honor Thee and bless humanity and return it to its rest. Lord God of Hosts, be with this Congress. To the troubled in spirit, to those cumbered with heavy cares, and unto all be Thou a blessing. Vouchsafe Thy guidance to direct us through these hours. We are gathered from diverse ways, from different experiences, yet united in common desire. Almighty God, administer unto us the wisdom and the faith that cometh from the infinite source of all truth. Amen.

Thursday
April 28
1932

MAY GOD be merciful unto us and bless us, and help us to rejoice in our labors though under hardship. Upon the breath of our noonday prayer, we pray for our Speaker and all Members of this legislative body. Grant that they may be strong in understanding and that patience and courage may be ministered unto them through the might of our God. Bless this Nation; may knowledge go forth to establish it more and more upon immutable foundations. O lead us all to fear God and keep His commandments. Enlighten our judgment, remove our doubts, and inspire our hopes. Summon us, Almighty God—we will meet the challenge of the hour. Banish misunderstandings that may be due to ignorance and prejudice, and build up mutual confidence and cooperation everywhere, and unto Thy name be praises forever. Amen.

Friday
April 29
1932

WE WOULD BEHOLD THE VISION OF THE MOST HIGH GOD. It is only as we rise by faith, by prayer, and by contemplation that evil loses its power. By the majesty of Thy truth, by the attraction of Thy beauty, by the charm of Thy love, and by virtue of the ideals of the Teacher of Nazareth will the embellishments of human life be realized. Deliver us from any false standards and let us see the light in Thy light. Almighty God, breathe into our breasts that power that shall redeem us from any mental confusion. Lift us up into that sphere in which we shall be in unison with Thy purpose. O fill us all with a divine impulse that shall strike any overhanging cloud through and through with light-bearing devotion and sacrifice to our country's needs. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Saturday
April 30
1932

THOU ART INFINITELY WORTHY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, because all Thy judgments are just and true. Vouchsafe unto us this day the presence of Thy Holy Spirit. Let us not be diverted by the immediate aspects and circumstances of life. Take away any distemperature of controversy, of conflicts, of passions, and help us to consecrate to our Republic the whole strength of our honor and wisdom. May we always adorn our estate with manliness and unselfish devotion. O God, lead us to be single-hearted, clear-eyed, without confusion, without haste; thus may we pursue the path of our duty. May we arise as messengers of a better day, of an unconquerable people whose hearts beat in the deepest sympathy with world redemption. Amen.

Monday
May 2
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou hast always had witnesses among the children of men and Thou wilt be with them unto the end. We praise Thee that through all the long, weary centuries they have not been left alone. O come in fuller measure into the lives that Thou hast created and make us a greater reflection of Thy reason and wisdom. We need Thy guidance along the road in which Thou art the way, the truth, and the life. Our Father and our God, enable us to more thoroughly realize that the way problems are settled here is the way they will be debated on the stage of the whole world. Guard and direct us in our conclusions. Deliver us from serious misunderstandings and from every limitation that gropes and let us all make room for self-sacrifice and most earnest cooperation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday
May 3
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, in this sacred quietness dedicated to Thee as our Heavenly Father we would say: "Holy, holy, holy," Thou alone hath the

first and lasting claim to our deepest reverence. Thou canst inspire us with the existence of moral power in our breasts. It does not inhere in things external but in the eternal truth that comes from Thee and has to do with our divine natures. Permit nothing, blessed Father, to weaken this quality of soul which belongs to our immortal beings, but make it forever fresh in whom it dwells. Above all things, quicken with an ambition that reaches to the highest pinnacle of statesmanship. Such an exaltation will lead us to remember things for the sake of our country, which we love. O make us really great with nobleness by enduing us with a great affection that shall be sovereign, expelling all pride, all sensitiveness, and all of self. Amen.

Wednesday May 4 1932

Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou art a Heavenly Father who abides with us to bring comfort out of discomfort and peace out of disquiet; to put the gleam in the shadow and to make us feel that it is altogether worth while to live. We bless Thee for the calm, the rest, and the soul contentment which Thou art so willing to give and ready to bestow. With these blessings strife ceases, good will comes in, competition gives way to cooperation, and we study how to make a brighter day and better country. Heavenly Father, grant these mercies. Fill us with encouragement and kindly cheer, and make us a help to others. The Lord send His blessings upon this Assembly like an impartial sunlight. Do Thou be the guide of every pathway, the guest of every fireside, the physician of every family, and the divine comforter of all. Amen.

Thursday May 5 1932

Our Father in Heaven, may the glory of creation, the wonder of redemption, and the marvel of our preservation stir our thanksgiving and

praise from day to day. With most grateful hearts may we meditate upon Thee for the many manifestations of an all-merciful God. O, may we know Thee whom to know is eternal life. Bestow upon this Congress a rich induement of wisdom and understanding. Arouse our entire citizenship to a greater height of confidence and with a deep, growing sense of responsibility to a representative government. That we may have the best and avoid the worst, may all citizens know that intelligence, loyalty, and unselfishness must be the dominant notes in the progress of the Republic. Blessed Lord, sustain us more and more with clear conscience, clear vision, and broad understanding. Amen.



Friday May 6 1932

AGAIN, O LORD, Thou hast remembered us in our estate. Surely Thy mercies are showered upon us in crowded succession. May a sense of Thy eternal goodness compel us to silence and to confession. In wonder and in gratitude do we thank Thee. We would cherish, Heavenly Father, the greatest of gifts, which is an honest and a contrite heart. Impart a force to our wills and a warmth to our hearts that shall more than compensate for our defects and excesses. Do Thou, O Lord, greatly enrich our country; bless it abundantly with the spirit of good will, with zealous philanthropic labor, with high ideals, with an earnest, sensitive conscience, with a deep reverence for Thee, and with a charity for all men. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Saturday May 7 1932

WE PRAY THEE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, that we may always abound in understanding, in wisdom, and in achievements for the stability of the Republic. It is thus that the fruits of the industries of life are wrought out which abide in

success and satisfaction. For these we lift our heart and voice to Thee, O God. Direct all the labors contemplated by this Congress. Vouchsafe Thy special presence in the deliberations of all committees. Withhold not Thy counsel, O God. In Thee we live and move and have our being, and from Thee let the inspiration flow. Keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Through patience may we endure and enter into that fellowship which is beyond all other blessings, even as the flower transcends the leaf. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Monday May 9 1932

O GOD OF OUR FATHERS, Thy merciful providences go far beyond our utmost expectations and our hopes. Thou dost bestow them not according to our merits or prayers but because of Thy holy, compassionate nature. Strengthen us today with the actual, transforming faith in Thee. Thou and Thou alone art the most precious source of vision and energy. One touch of Thy Spirit, one flash from Thy throne will reveal unto us the way and bring to our tasks a clearness and a certitude which will enable us to grip the truths by which we must work and live. Thus with Thy presence and with confidence may we approach our labors. In Thee may we always find the index to character and the way to the highest attainments. Amen.

Tuesday May 10 1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, may we ever covet that strength and courage of Him who trod the wine press alone. Be Thou the food for our meditation, the staff for our feet, the light for our eyes, and the wisdom for our understanding. Willingly and courageously may we always identify ourselves with the great causes for which our Government stands. Let us never shrink from any burden that

implies the good and the stability of the Republic. Endue us with spiritual and mental vigor that strikes weakness out of our breasts and that holds us from the compromising levels of life. O thrust us into those great movements which are designed to cross the horizons of our souls and which yield their reverence for God, for home, and for native land. Amen.



Wednesday
May 11
1932

Again, blessed Lord, Thou hast not forgotten to be good and merciful unto us, hence we are prompted to repentance and faith; forgive our sins and help us along in hope and effort. In the performance of all our duties keep us free from misconceptions and misdirections; guard us against mistaken methods and ends. By Thy most holy Word and by the promises of the World's Redeemer let there be inspired in us high character and heroic service. Thou dost unerringly recognize the great soul in the smallest act, and in time Thou wilt crown it beyond the most glowing dream. Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee. Amen.



Friday
May 13
1932

O Thou eternal God, our words falter as the shadows of the Nation's sorrow fall and deepen. Yonder home today is a world shrine, at whose footstool we tarry. The night winds of sorrow murmur as tears fall and sink on the curls of gold matted and damp. Merciful Father, may the parents be fed no longer with the bread of affliction; do Thou give them rest which the world can nevermore defile. Consider and hear us, O Lord. Ours is national humiliation as we vision the depths of this infamy. Arouse the public conscience that a slight atonement may be made, by smiting murderers and outlaws into the dust. Cleanse the arteries of our whole country, where breed and swarm the filth and crime of our national household. Almighty God, lift us up,

let us see, lead us on; hear us, for Thy mercy's sake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday May 14 1932

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we praise Thee for Thy thought and teaching and for the many disclosures of divine revelation. There is no lasting worth of character only as it finds its source and ideals in the truth of the eternally righteous God. In the realm of the present-day circumstances, circled by questions and problems unprecedented, O do Thou direct us and allow us not to be dismayed. Breathe upon our purposes and ambitions. Reveal unto us the fairer uplands of the soul which are attainable. May we be keenly sensitive of our mission and our calling by our Republic, so that we shall be justified by our devoted, wise, patriotic service. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour, we pray. Amen.

Monday May 16 1932

HEAVENLY FATHER, the morning is Thy great gift! It is always morning where Thou art. We thank Thee for the morning star, for the morning light, and for the morning hope and promise. O fill our souls with the beauty and the glory of the daydawn. Let Thy spirit constrain us to every good word and work by permitting us to hear Thy voice, feeling Thy nearness, and being conscious of Thy power and purpose. Stand by, O Lord, ignoring our weakness, whispering peace into our breasts and inspiring us with strength and hope. Lift us up to a high realization that reality surpasses all dreams, that goodness lives on, and that love will outshine all earthly radiance forever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday May 17 1932

ENABLE US TO BELIEVE, ALMIGHTY GOD, and that, too, with masterful assurance, that we are living in a republic in which the forces of construction

are mightier than the powers of destruction. Above every mad, turbulent wave of discontent let there bend the bow of promise, for Thou, O Lord, art in the heavens. We beseech Thee to let it arch our whole country in colors of divine illumination, speaking of the quiet, silent forces which are mightier than the causes of distress and confusion. O God, do Thou lift a towering light and let it radiate over these restless, ragged days and give the benediction of rest. May it fall across every hearthstone, giving promise that our land will be dominated by confidence, courage, and industry, making it live by the newness of its own light and power. Amen.



Wednesday
May 18
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, let Thy light fall upon our waiting souls as we pray the words of our Redeemer. Judge us not in Thy displeasure, but look upon our infirmities and imperfections with pity, and help us to do better. Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



Monday
May 23
1932

O THOU LOVING, CONDESCENDING GOD, we ask Thee to hear and accept our petition. Through Thy gracious providence Thou hast again smiled tenderly and gently upon us; we therefore offer Thee our tributes of praise. We seek Thy presence; do Thou enter our hearts as a rich grace, as a sweet benediction, and as a fadeless blossom. O make them the seat of Thy sovereignty. Show us the necessity of the divine purpose, and lighten up the way before us. Renewed, freshened, and cheered, let us turn again to our particular tasks. Spring-

ing from real, vital enthusiasm for our country, let this day mean success over all obstacles. May it abide as a living witness to the industrious and faithful labors of this Congress. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday May 24 1932

WE THANK THEE, MERCIFUL FATHER, that Thou dost always hold before us some beautiful ideal, some radiant light, some great height which can be attained by help divine. Thou dost not leave us alone to go wandering without chart or compass. O write the Beatitudes in our hearts, lest we lose their music and go fumbling at some broken string. O write the Decalogue on the tablets of our memories, and may it always attest the handwriting of the finger of God. By these may we always be beckoned away from the lower levels of life. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken great and precious promises, and none can ever destroy the covenant of the Ancient of Days. Meet us today with a blessing that falls like an angel's spirit from the upper places. Amen.

Wednesday May 25 1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name. May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Thursday May 26 1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we come to Thee in the one universal name—"our Father." We begin our prayer with this name. In Thee may we share

the fullness of Thy mercy and power. Our needs are so countless; do Thou impart unto us wisdom, courage, and discretion, and may we perform our duties with excelling vigilance and earnestness. Let our whole lives overflow in service and sympathy for others. Just let us be burdened with every good thing that shall splendidly serve our country. In the might and glory of self-sacrifice and devotion, in the strength of faith and hope, lead us forward to our tasks. May we do nothing this day that cannot bear the brave light of reason and the scrutiny of conscience when we sit in the quiet hour of evening time. Amen.



Friday
May 27
1932

O THOU who art the one divine Teacher in the art of good living, we approach Thy alter with praise and gratitude. Privileged as we are with opportunities for great helpfulness, may we not be disappointing to ourselves or to our fellow countrymen. Give us growing understanding to lay hold of great principles and apply them to urgent needs. In the performance of duty there come vexations and alienations, but, our Father leave us not solitary. When we get the pang without the palm, keep us sweet, humble, and patient, and at all times true in the face of the ironies of life. Enlarge our natures, and yet subject their tendencies; preserve our hearts, and yet destroy their selfishness; control our wills, and yet sustain their courage. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Friday
June 3
1932

O SPIRIT OF GOD, again we wait in Thy presence. Quicken us with Thy vision and with a grateful acknowledgment of Thy merciful providence. Do Thou overrule all evil and everywhere make the wrath of man praise Thee. Father of light in our uncertainties and in our bitterest trials, give us wise insight, strong convictions, and the

tenderest sympathies—equipping us for truer and larger service. Brace out whole moral and intellectual natures for the right; gird the loins of our minds that we may with resolute determination deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee. Heavenly Father, regard in divine favor our Speaker and the entire membership of this Congress as they shape events and guide the currents of public action. Make our lives an inspiration and our memories a benediction. In a solemn covenant with Thee, may we keep the faith and complete the tasks for which we have been called. Amen.

Saturday
June 4
1932

Heavenly Father, we draw to Thee, not unto One who is an avenging God but unto One who is as a high priest, touched with a feeling of our infirmities. We rejoice that in Thee all humankind shall find rest. Let Thy blessing come upon all who are perplexed, upon all who are borne with care and anxiety; direct for them the way. Do Thou show us the higher revelation of Thy nature, which is paternal. Be a merciful Providence unto the poor and rich, unto the bond and the free. Reveal unto us Thy heart with its noblest moods—where love suffers and smiles as it suffers and where mercy blesses those who deserve no mercy. Lead us to temperance in all things, to purity of thought, to a fine sense of justice, and to unselfish ambitions. Above all, our Father, may we achieve successfully our tasks for the sake of the other man. Amen.

Monday
June 6
1932

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee, we praise Thee that the sweetest word that ever sprang out of Heaven is love. When the old earth is moved and the heavens tremble; when the sun and the moon are darkened and the stars withdraw their radiance, love shall live, for Thou

art love. Behind every floating cloud it abides. We are grateful that there is no dislocation in Thy sovereignty and no interruption in the divine order. Inspire us this day with enlarged opportunities, with expanding powers that we may understand completely our whole duty to our country. Bless us with the fullness of that life that gets its inspiration from a living, loving, saving, and infinitely holy Father. Amen.

Tuesday
June 7
1932

Our Father in Heaven, we beseech Thee to hear us as we approach the altar of prayer. Increase our faith in the illumination of Thy Holy Spirit and in the life of the soul given by the power of God. In this way we shall become superior to the circumstances and the influences which deteriorate life. Crown us with that persuading directing might that shall lead us in the ways of wisdom and justice. Enable us to stand in all things patriotically and do the things which all patriotic citizens should do. Go before us, our Father, and guide us with liberty of conscience. In the heated ways of public life, in the conflict of affairs, O let Thy brooding Spirit hang over us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday
June 8
1932

We look again to Thee, Heavenly Father, for light and guidance; show us Thyself. What is entire justice, entire fidelity, and entire beneficence? O let us receive a broad conception of duty and government. Our deep desire is that there may be no continuance of uncertainty, no unrest, and no temptation. On every side may there be harmonious wisdom, and may we patiently wait and work for its consummation. We would that our souls were caught up into the knowledge and beauty of the heart of the great Teacher—led by His truth and have His love pulsating in

our breasts. Bring it to pass, Father in Heaven. Then it will be bright above, bright beneath, and bright through the years to come. Amen.

Thursday June 9 1932

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried in the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled; though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Heavenly Father, anchor our faith in Thy Holy Word and in the mission of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday June 10 1932

Most merciful God, just now our first thought is of Thy fatherhood; the second is of the far-reaching brotherhood to which we belong. We pray Thee to regard and bless these relationships. Increase the power of our faith, our hope, and our sympathy as they move toward our fellow men. Do Thou more and more incline us to hold up one another, pitying one another and helping one another. O may we do most for those who need us most. We thank Thee that Thou hast determined by Thy great heart of love that man should not earn his bread by the breaking of his heart. O God, lead us in some way to follow this Divine purpose. As this is Thy will, it is destined to survive the disturbances of time, ever responding to the worth of man. At Thy mercy seat, our

Father, we breathe this prayer in the blessed name of the world's Saviour. Amen.



Saturday
June 11
1932

AWAKEN OUR SOULS, GRACIOUS LORD, that we may walk in Thy light. Let there be today radiant manifestations of harmonious wisdom. In the urgency of a courageous confidence may we be willing to work, to bear, and even to suffer. Restrain all intemperate words, and may kindness and prudence be exercised as matters of duty. Bless us with the excellency of strength and cooperation that all decisions may be impartial, calm, and dispassionate. May the inextinguishable glory of our flag be preserved; no man can compute it. It gathers up in its immortal folds the wealth and the fullness of a nation's life and embodies and emblazons it all in one gorgeous emblem. As we behold it may we gaze upon and adore it. Amen.



Monday
June 13
1932

HEAVENLY FATHER, this day may we make Thee our sovereign and the Republic our commonwealth. The mercy of Thy providence is ours, and yet we cannot understand it; we claim it, for we are Thy earthly children. O give us Thy instruction and influence from on high. Bless us with the supreme sentiments of the soul, which are faith and hope. Do Thou enlarge and exalt the spheres of our lives. In the eyes of our countrymen our duty is sacred. May we look upon it, lift it, and bear it solemnly. O let the spirit of brotherhood throb in the realms of our souls. In these retreats no tempest is heard and no shock is felt. May our country be redeemed to patience, to quietude, and cooperation. Our Father, our solicitude and our prayer go out to Thee for our Speaker. May he be blest with great comfort, rest of mind and body, and with immediate recovery. In the adorable name of Jesus, our Elder Brother. Amen.

Tuesday
June 14
1932

ANOTHER NIGHT, ANOTHER DAY, GRACIOUS LORD, and we are still in the hands of a living God. It is the gladdest truth creation holds. In its deathless worth all strength and virtue lie. In the frailty of our human nature it sustains us in our keenest trials. Our Father, we rejoice that in this universe of change, with its heavenly splendors, with its immeasurable depths, with its unthinkable spaces, one thing is fixed—the love of God. O eternal Son of God, Thou joy of all loving hearts, Thou light of men, Thou fount of life, we turn to Thee with praise and thanksgiving and ask for a continuance of Thy mercies. Guide us, encourage us, and hold our feet as stable as the Rock of Ages. Amen.

Wednesday
June 15
1932

THOU WHO ART THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, the rainbow about the throne, and the bright and morning star, tarry with us a few moments. We mourn our loss. O bathe all sorrowing ones in the golden light of heavenly love and reconciliation. May we all exemplify the excellence of our most holy faith. Enrich our characters and make our afflictions a sacred ministry. Almighty God, overshadow this Congress with Thy unfailing goodness; remember our Speaker most graciously. Amid the strain of the days, the weariness of toil, the exactions of the public service, may our hearts and our hopes remain steadfast. Cleanse our hearts, for it is with the heart we find Thee in the darkness and feel the strengthening virtue of Thy unfolding presence. O sad hearts, it is evening; O curtained night, fade away. As we pause and pray, let the stars break through. Merciful Father, through tears and through loss, be our everlasting light until the pilgrimage shall be ended. Amen.

Thursday
June 16
1932

WE DRAW NEAR TO THEE, OUR FATHER, in humble confidence and with the courage of true love. As these are inspired by Thee, be pleased

to accept our thanksgiving and praise. As we look back, how often have we been confused by the dark and the inscrutable things which surged about us; now we know that they were ways of mercy; gracious Lord, we thank Thee. Clothe us with just and righteous judgment and make known Thy counsel to us for our obedience and guidance. Come with us; walk with us upon the sea, in the twilight and on the shore. Wherever there is need, give the divine supply. Bless our homes that they may be as the gates of Heaven. Unto Thy holy name be eternal praises. Amen.

Friday
June 17
1932

COME WITH US, BLESSED FATHER. Always enable us to stand before all men's eyes as men with a message, men with a spirit, men who have found courage, strength, and understanding sufficient to serve wisely and encouragingly the welfare of the Republic. Help us to rise to our highest manhood and covet our opportunity. Preserve those human flowers for our pathways, namely, friendship, comradeship, trust, and harmony; these shed a fragrance that we ought not to miss. As our duties are urgent, vital, and imperative, blessed Lord, ignore our weakness, give zest to our knowledge, and strengthen us to do all good things. May we be endowed with a courageous persistence to work for the good of all the people all the time. Amen.

Saturday
June 18
1932

O THOU in whom are the sources of universal power and in whom there is compassion forever, hear us as we pray and forgive our sins. We thank Thee that Thy providence never grows weary. Open Thou, blessed Father, the secrets of Thy nature and teach us how to live in the light of the very best intelligence. Gather us all together in the bonds of sympathy and common desire, that we may labor conscientiously for the good and the

honor of our country. Take it into Thy care and under Thy direction; lift up the lowly, cleanse the impure, and enlighten the ignorant. Unto all who find the yoke heavy, lighten the burden; may even dull realities be a blessing to us. Let Thy guidance today be a token of Thy goodness and as an evidence of our worthiness. Amen.

Monday June 20 1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, "in Thy presence there is fullness of joy, at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." O inspire us with this truth—so wonderful, so vast, and so glorious. How constant and how unvarying is Thy providence at all times. Fill us with sacred impulse as we approach our duties; may they be performed with well-ordered understanding. Do Thou invigorate our purposes; to them add earnestness, endeavor, and righteous achievement. Make adversity a blessing wherever found; bless it in all its forms—at the fireside, at the wayside, and in all the relations of life. O bring peace to all our land, not languid peace, but peace based upon justice, upon knowledge, upon truth, and upon patriotic devotion. Spare us from all bitterness, from sharp passions of the unguarded moment, and allow not care and anxiety to break our spirits in any way. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday June 21 1932

O GOD, OUR EVERLASTING FATHER, we wait before Thee with a sense of our manifold needs. Accept our praise for all Thy mercies. Surely Thou hast not restrained them. We trust that we are sincerely grateful for good health; for the privileges and for the joys which bless our daily lives. Above all these, blessed Lord, we thank Thee for Him, whom Thou hast sent, that our souls may be the sanctuaries of His beautiful spirit. O may it flow in as ours flows out. Vouch-

safe the wisdom that we need, and may we submit ourselves to Thy guidance. Bless us with that unity which comes from mutual regard and respect. Minister unto us a sense of the abiding realities, namely, faith, hope, and love. Thus labor shall be made easy, charity zealous, and our aspirations shall be as a climbing flame. Amen.

Wednesday
June 22
1932

Our Lord and our God, teach us that wisdom which shall enable us to be foremost for truth, for fidelity, for manliness and honor. We pray that these may be the poetry and music of our lives. So direct us that we may inspire rectitude in public sentiment in more views of human rights; may we strive to be associated with those great principles and always ambitious to contribute some great good to society. Give us faith of the future that shall triumph over things seen—the mistakes, the misfortunes which severely wound men. O Master, may we follow Thee, the divine ideal, the safest rule of conduct, the master impulse of the best and highest life, and the surest ground of our eternal hope. Amen.

Friday
June 24
1932

Grant, our Heavenly Father, that the ministrations of Thy Spirit may so abide in us that they shall be creative and inspire in us a fine conception of God, of our fellow men, and of our duty to the public service. Bring us into most reverent accord with Thy redeeming law. By its discipline may we be brought into harmony with the Master's teachings. O may we appreciate more of Thy moral perceptions and discern more thoroughly the moral significance of human life. Bless us with the rare privilege of possessing them with clearness, fullness, and with force. Blessed Lord, all over our fair land build up men in honor, fidelity, self-government, self-denial, and in devotion to our institutions which make our country great and permanent. Amen.

Monday
June 27
1932

WE TRUST THAT WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL, BLESSED LORD, as we bow in Thy holy presence and look unto Thee as the one perfect source of all wisdom, goodness, and mercy. As Thy children we pray Thee to attend us in all our ways. Stay our souls upon this undying truth, "The memory of the just is blessed." We praise Thee that there is an everlasting equity and that unselfish toil shall never be forgotten. O God, let this immortal truth break forth and bear the fruits of happiness, contentment, and brotherhood throughout our land; hasten the day when justice shall prevail everywhere. Oh, may it soon come to pass when men shall have learned to love as they have learned to hate; thus the contagion and the pestilence which blacken the soul shall be no more. Let Heaven's blessings abide with our Speaker, the Members, the officers, and the employees of this Congress. Amen.

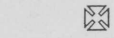


Tuesday
June 28
1932

HOLY SPIRIT, FAITHFUL GUIDE, rise up in the chambers of our souls and crown us there, that we may be in alliance with the wisest and the very best things. O God, restrain us from all wrong tendencies by the sacredness of duty, by love divine, and by the inspiration of our finest possibilities. Guard all influences which are striving for the welfare and the stability of the Republic. O let our labors glow and palpitate in real genuine service. Bless all uncomplaining courage and heroic achievement. May our first and lasting joy be to serve the people, who have honored us with their confidence. O God of our fathers, do Thou bless and inspire every Member of this Congress with those simple yet beautiful and glorious virtues of which we caught the first glimpse when our hands were folded in prayer at our mother's knee. Amen.

Wednesday
June 29
1932

THOU EVER-BLESSED FATHER IN HEAVEN, bestow Thy gracious influence upon us today and make us more susceptible to it. O flash it upon our best selves until there shall be no room left for selfish or false imaginations. May we be prompted by noble generosities, by disinterested benevolence, by love for man, and the deepest reverence for our God. Take unto Thyself our whole lives and bless them with rare visions, with sublime moments, and with those experiences which are not discerned by the mortal senses; herein is the might that conquers the things of time. Spare us from blighted loves that cannot be revived, from losses that cannot be retrieved, from injuries that cannot be repaired, and from wounds that cannot be healed. O Thou Christ, our Saviour, Thou who art man's best friend and love's best love, hear our humble prayer. Amen.



Thursday
July 7
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pray Thee that our country may be kept united in its patriotism, also united in its determination to see right and justice become coextensive with its citizenship wherever found. O Thou who art the eternal light, we bring to Thee our dependence, even as the night brings to the darkness the morning, for Thou who art the God of all the earth art merciful and gracious. We praise Thee, that all hearts that struggle and aspire, all reaching out of the human soul, all quivering faith that in silence and loneliness looks up and beyond are inspired by Thee—therefore we come. O make this Nation one, mighty, strong, in which every individual shall be strengthened and love to see the right prevail. O pity the poor, pity the unfortunate, pity the homeless, and pity the wandering who are teeming up and down our land. May we encourage them, and help them, and that right early. Amen.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

Monday December 5 1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we wait in affectionate and humble reverence in recognition of Thy Deity and Fatherhood. We thank Thee for the eternal name "Father" which unites us all. Here and now may purposes and ambitions be inspired which can be formed nowhere but at Thy holy footstool. Remember mercifully our infirmities and our imperfections and always look upon them with the eye of pity and forgiveness. At the threshold of this session of Congress do Thou lead us all to the uplands of our national life which are still attainable. Crown our labors with wisdom, knowledge, and true patriotism until the frowning tyrant of depression shall seek a hiding place and it shall be sunlight everywhere. Over all our deliberations do Thou keep the seat of Thy sovereignty. Be with us, go before us, and direct us by the manifold discipline of Thy wisdom. Upon the breath of our appealing prayer do we bear to Thee a petition for our President, our Speaker, the Members, the officers, and the employees of this Chamber. Do Thou bless us all with nobility of soul, with purity of heart, and with that spirit of devotion that overflows to all the people. O smile upon our whole land lovingly, persuasively, until the shadows are past. May our beloved country soon hail the day when "instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be unto the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." Amen.

Tuesday December 6 1932

WE THANK THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, that Thou art ever near the whisper-reach of the souls of men. Make us sensitive to Thy overtures, that we may keenly realize the greatness of Thy love,

the pity of Thy heart, and the strength of Thy grace; may we hug these riches to our perishing bosoms. Our country, with its manifold needs, is calling us; great tasks are at our doors. Almighty God, be pleased to help us crave the ambition to toil for our fellow citizens with free and earnest hearts. Be in all our councils, that we may labor, live, and love, so that the unborn tomorrows shall call us blessed. Preserve Thou the health of our bodies and the vigor of our minds, and ever whisper to us in that music that cannot be misunderstood. Thou who art the Creator of the heavens and earth, make known Thy way among all peoples and Thy saving grace among all nations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Wednesday December 7 1932

"GOD IS LOVE": We thank Thee that the sovereign antidote to the stings of life is the magic of Thy love and the enveloping sympathy of the Saviour of men. By many silent tokens, O Father, make strong our hearts to accept the stern ideals of duty. We would yield allegiance to one throne and one scepter, and by this loyalty may we cherish the hope that all men's good may become each man's care. By the passion of our patriotism and devotion to the public service may every barrier to our Nation's progress be broken down. Lift aloft, blessed Lord, the standards of brotherhood, private virtue, civic righteousness, and bless our entire land with the excellence of good will and peace. In the adorable name of the Christ whom we worship. Amen.



Thursday December 8 1932

O GOD, we are grateful to Thee for the blessing of each day. With the coming of the morning sun comes Thy loving providence, and with the going of the day Thou dost remain as our Guardian Angel. Conscious of our need and dependence, we have a retreat from every fevered fear. We

thank Thee for the refuge that is ever sure in the Eternal Heart. Make this day a rich opportunity for culture, for encouragement, and for renewed vision of the needs of our country. Inspire us with wise and just conceptions of good government, and may our citizens everywhere work and press forward for the good fortunes of peace and plenty. Graciously remember, O Lord, all who yearn for love, sympathy, and happiness. Amen.



Friday
December 9
1932

JUST NOW, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we would thank Thee for the divine footsteps which give us trust and patience. Truly they are ministers of mercy on our pathway which leads to Thee. In some little way unfold to us the same power that makes the rose sweet, the dewdrop pure, and the rainbow beautiful. Never were opportunities so many nor rewards so great. Keep us faithful, O Lord, to the dictates of justice and truth, that we may serve our country and redeem it from drudgery and want, and help the world along. We thank Thee for the gift of life. Do Thou help us each day to make it a magnificent privilege. Bless us with maintenance of courage and strengthen in us the sense of victory. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Saturday
December 10
1932

AGAIN, BLESSED LORD, the silver cord which binds us to Thy feet has not been broken. It is as immovable as the outlines of the earth itself. As we are crowned with the divinity of mind and heart, may our intellects hunger for knowledge and wisdom and our hearts for righteousness and let not the gloom of discouragement hang over us. Our Father, impress us that there is a singular dignity and purity that lie on the brow of a good man. May we show forth in our careers the fruits of these fine achievements. Ever lead us toward the wealth of Christian character, stimulating us

always by the vision of the highest forms of service to the Republic. Grant this, our Heavenly Father, for Thy glory and for our sakes and unto Thee be eternal praises. Amen.

Monday
December 12
1932

Heavenly Father of infinite wisdom and mercy, as our hearts are developed through loving and serving and our characters are strengthened by test and trial, we wait for Thy guidance. We are grateful to Thee for the promise and the presence of Him who was so divine in His humanity and so human in His divinity. Let us hear His voice and feel the touch of His outstretched hand. In the name of Him who was so tranquilizing in the revelation of the abiding realities of life, bless our souls with the fervor of divine aspirations. In the performance of duty, enable us to put into permanent form the wisest, the best thoughts and the hopes of man. The historic institutions of the land which have made for the Nation's stability and security, we pray that they may be fostered in the breast of every citizen. Keep our deliberations and conclusions of this day free from blame or blunder. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
December 13
1932

Strong Son of God, Thou who art the fountain of life and the light of the world, we turn again to Thee. We pray for the blessing of Thy truth and wisdom. Our natures are not stiffened into permanence; they are open to receive the divine urge. We pray for the supremely blessed agencies of life. Do Thou endow us for the wisest possible service for our country. Thy merciful arm is not shortened nor is Thine ear closed; do Thou harken and heed our prayer. Our yearning spirits, our lasting hopes, our quivering faith in silence look up to Thee. This day be with us and make the conquest complete and victorious. Bless all hearth-

stones where human hearts are crushed and where love lies bleeding because of sorrow, failure, and disappointment. O be with them all as the angel of consolation. Amen.

Wednesday December 14 1932

O LORD, OUR GOD, because Thou art above all, because Thou art love, because Thou art near, we humbly wait upon Thy holy will. Wilt Thou be pleased to give wisdom, understanding, and godly strength to all who seek them? We pray for Thy richest blessing upon all lawful and patriotic agencies that make for righteousness, that take up the causes of the poor and lowly. Help all those who are seeking a way of comfort and happiness and those who deserve emancipation from the ills of poverty. Almighty God, our peace is touched with pain to-day. Another loyal servant of the Republic has left us. The solemn pace moves on unaffrighted to the welcome land, where summer sings and never dies. Holy Comforter, hover near, hover gently to those whose lives He guarded and whose hearts He blest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday December 16 1932

O THOU HIGH AND HOLY ONE, who dwellest in the high and holy places, we thank Thee for Thy manifold deliverances. Help us all, dear Lord, to rise upon the stepping stones of ourselves, that we may be truly humble and childlike in our sincerity; may our gaze be forward. Do Thou illuminate our thoughts with a sense of Thy guiding presence and evermore abide with us in the common things of life, which are so essential and countless. By the many opportunities at our hands, inspire us with the abundance of our resources and with a deep desire to know how to use them in the interest of all our people. We pray for a better day to come to our own beloved

America. O let the breaking light fall upon it and upon this weary, woeful world. Graciously remember all whose memories are sad and who look through a glass darkly. In the holy name of the Saviour. Amen.

Saturday
December 17
1932

O LORD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, almighty and everlasting God, we entreat Thee to meet with us; enrich and ennoble our aspirations, our thoughts, and our endeavors. We would have within ourselves an altar dedicated to Thy service. All that is best in humanity springs from this unseen depth. Grant unto us a full apprehension of our indebtedness to our fellow men. We pray that Thou wilt help us to deal nobly and justly with all events and all questions that come to us. We thank Thee for the world's purest Teacher, who has revealed unto us the peerless depths of eternal truth. To turn to Him in the simplest, childlike trust is to feast upon the bread of the ageless life. Bless all missions and all labors of love and charity; breathe upon them something of Thine own spirit as they minister unto the poor and the distressed. Amen.

Monday
December 19
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we are grateful to Thee that we are the children of a most bountiful Heavenly Father. That name never loses its love and serene care which forever bends over us. It has long since been hallowed in the sufferings and sacrifice of Mary's Holy Child. We thank Thee for this blessed assurance, which equally embraces the tear and the star. As men, as citizens, as friends, and as neighbors may we meet every emergency with a radiant temper and with a fine intellectual strength. O bless our country with whatever it needs of comfort, of security, of augmented wealth, and of expanding knowledge. Wherever poverty is leaving its stinging curse, oh, redeem and send relief. Amen.

Tuesday
December 20
1932

O SPIRIT DIVINE, we bow our heads and whisper, "Our Father, forgive our spiritual barrenness." We would follow the gleam that we may achieve the quest of manhood and the strength of a noble life. Heeding our country's call, may we accept the yoke of obedience, even sacrificing self for the contentment and happiness of others. O may we linger long in the path of sacrificial service and complain not. It is real goodness and patriotic devotion that exalt the character of both man and Nation. The remotest citizen of the land has his part to do and bear in the general progress of the Republic. O bring us all under thy control and in accord with Thy divine purpose. Do not fade from our thoughts, but beckon us to the highest levels of efficiency in the exercise of our duty, and Thou wilt smile on the ground where we walk. In the name of our Saviour we pray. Amen.

Wednesday
December 21
1932

BY THE INSPIRATION OF THY MERCY AND WISDOM, Heavenly Father, do Thou encourage us to follow after love, which is the soul's divinest purpose, life's richest attainment, and the highest vocation of the heavenly world. O bless us with that immortal love which enriches every faculty, unifies all worthy ideals, and harmonizes all true labors. O heart of God, let its tides steal over all our hearts today. May not material achievement outrun spiritual acquisition. Bless every officer and Member of this Chamber with unswerving loyalty to the unaging sanctities of a good, upright life. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday
December 22
1932

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we rejoice because of that hour when Almighty God came out of a world grown weary and gray and made Himself vocal in the heavenly anthem by the overhanging hosts—"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men." Oh, what a thrilling moment

it was when that angel song first beat on the hills of time. His name is clothed with immortal remembrance, to which the generations of men have come to light their torches of undying hope. We would thus come with our prayers and dreams to the manger altar and pay our homage to Him who walks the highways of the ages. Holy Saviour, as we come may we forget the forced marches, the smiting aches, and any unbrotherly relations, and devoutly remember the One who has passed this way, manifesting love, mercy, and abundance for all. We pray that His spirit of brotherhood and good will may roll forward over the Republic like a golden river. Let it rule in triumph over street, market place, and home, clothed with beauty, love, and sympathy, opening the gates of a new life as it touches the hearthstones of our land. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Friday
December 23
1932

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



Thursday
December 29
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee that neither life nor death are able to separate us from the Father's love. As the children of Thy providence we are sheltered in the divine heart, that blessed retreat for all, so tranquil and restful. We breathe our heart's dear love to Thee. Permit us, dear Lord, to approach the tasks of the day with assurance and expectation. Do Thou brood over us and allow us not to wander from the fresh, spiritual, blossoming pastures of the garden life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday
December 30
1932

ALMIGHTY GOD, may we listen to the ageless words of the seer: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." We are grateful to a merciful Providence for having brought us to the threshold of another year. Thy goodness and mercy have crowned our days. We thank Thee, our Father. Oh, happy is he who can go through the thunder of life's battle and keep spotless the garment of his manhood. May we forget the muttering storms, the biting ingratitude, and that day on which the morning opened with splendor but at evening time the sky was overcast. Oh, may we behold the rift in the clouds and mark once more the divine footprints lying fresh before us. To him who hath aspiration shall be given the water of life; to him who hath touched the divine hand shall be given the everlasting arms; to him who hath given an ideal here with hope and love and trust in God shall be given an abundant entrance into the heavenly home. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
January 3
1933

BE THOU EXALTED, O GOD, above the heavens, and Thy glory above all the earth. Let us by sincerity of spirit, integrity of life, keep our minds open, attentive, sympathetic, and we shall be guided into the truth; do Thou help us, blessed Lord. Consider and hear, O Thou who art the light of the world, and we shall receive into our hearts the cheerful message of the day which is Thy merciful providence. Let the voice of its challenge and hope salute us. Engirdled by the Father's care, and environed in the sympathy of our fellow citizens, stayed by their patriotism, help us all to do that which shall lift our people above their burdens and get a glimpse of that satisfaction which has been hidden and unrevealed. O God, let the great truths of Thy Holy Word cross our soul's horizon, inspiring, uplifting, and hallowing all within. Amen.

Wednesday
January 4
1933

WE THANK THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, that through Christ we have an eternal inheritance in God. May our powers be consecrated, our lives made exultant, and our influence crowned by the teaching of His Holy Word. Bless all of us with that temper, with that glorious courage, and with that unresting energy that spring from His earthly life. Ours is a high trust; oh, may we be loyal to it and leave a work that shall sustain the undecaying life in the very soul of the Nation. May we strive with every nerve to exalt, refresh, and reenforce our native land until our national sky shall glow through all its arch with the radiance of the upspringing light. Amen.

Thursday
January 5
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who art supreme in character and in power, make us a little bigger and a little better because of these waiting hours. We pray that every today and every tomorrow may bring us into closer, sympathetic relationship with the needs and conditions of our fellow men. The hour is calling us! O lead us so that the labors of this day may be an efficient ministry. Take every upright heart and endeavor and inspire them with a divine urge for the truth. Past the fogs; through the dust; past the shadow. O open the way to the truth, the immortal truth. Do Thou pass by our errors and our misconceptions, and in all our ways may we acknowledge Thee, in whose unseen infolding life rests the universe. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

Friday
January 6
1933

DRAW NEAR TO US, ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, and make Thyself known to our thoughts by sweet affections and starlight hope. We would withdraw to the chamber of silence and shut out the world with its care and call. There we would unite with our fellow countrymen in affectionate reverence in memory of him who was

created a man, just and true. Through the years, storied away in the archives of our national history, is his name, circled with unquestioned integrity, Christian simplicity, and the honored servant of the Republic. Change, nor time's remorseless doom, shall not dim one ray of glory that gilds his fame. Minister, dear Heavenly Father, unto all of his fireside who are walking with tears and breathing with sighs. To her, the truest of hearts and the fairest of hands, who shared her delights and divided her tears, through them all she was blessed and found that life was good. The Lord bless the vision that lies within her soul. Amen.

Monday January 9 1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Heavenly Father, we wait with bowed heads; we mourn our loss; again we wait; let the richest blessings of Thy peace and rest that run from yesterday, today, and forever, abide with all those who are left in the shadows of their great affliction. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

Tuesday January 10 1933

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, help us to lift up our heads that we may vision the rainbow which is always about the throne of Thy glory. Open the gates of our souls that we may get strength and courage to climb the ladder of life which leads starward. Come, Thou Almighty King, and flood the everlasting doors of our Nation and give it a manifestation of the richest blessings of Thy grace and wisdom. Return, O Lord, and let there go

forth a mighty protest against the social injustice and the industrial ills which are enough to pierce the angels' song. Gracious Lord, the supremacy of Thy will is our safety. Is it too much to ask—hold us this day in its infinite grasp. Amen.



Wednesday January 11 1933

O God and Heavenly Father, do Thou reach toward Thy merciful hand, push it by us, and let us touch the hem of Thy garment, and there shall come to us a joyous confidence which shall give us a new sense of the possibilities of life; in Thy love there is power and purity. Bear with our frailties and failures, and discipline us by Thy grace and give us more and more the touches of the nobility and sweetness of soul. O may the vexed waters of our country soon become smooth. Redeem our land in goodness, and the vicious energies which thrive in prosperity shall no longer make men a prey to selfishness and false ambitions. For the sake of the strength and vitality of a splendid manhood, help us to exclude the things that mar, hurt, and pull down. Amen.



Thursday January 12 1933

O Thou Christ, the revelation of eternal love and the saviour of men, be Thou our personal ideal. Let us seek to be guided by Thy spirit—toiling for the good of our fellows, using our influence and our knowledge to soften the sorrows, lift the burdens, and hasten the day when contentment and good will shall be among us as an everlasting light. May our whole land rejoice in the sentiment of humanity. We plead for more inward vision that shall smooth out exhausting difficulty and that shall give to aspiration mastery, progress, and success. Today give wisdom and direction to the Congress. May it prescribe sovereign remedies that shall touch the vitals of the Nation with the largest, the best, and the most hopeful future. In the name of the Saviour. Amen.

Friday
January 13
1933

Again we are assembled, our Heavenly Father, and through Thy gracious providence the day is ours. We are seriously interested in the progress of the Republic. There are ambitions and purposes which can be formed nowhere else but at the altar of prayer. O hear us and prosper our work. Inspire us to act from the purest motives, obey the loftiest rule, and aspire to the supremest ends. Thou hast taught the world that strength and wisdom owe a debt to weakness and misfortune. Do Thou direct our ministry. Life is hard, conditions are unfair, and claims are often excessive. Enable us to drive away the winter of discontent, and lead us all to get to the bright side, to the sunny side, and the music side of life, and let the joy overflow everywhere. Amen.

Saturday
January 14
1933

We praise Thee, Almighty God, that Thou art the everlasting Father, the Creator of all the ends of the earth, who fainteth not, neither is weary. O guard our hearts; watch over these eager, hungry, passionate hearts of ours. Tune them at the source of all melody, goodness, and joy, and they shall be sweeter than the dream music that floats above the hills of God. Lord God of the nations, be pleased to hearken: Our country rose into being in conviction, devotion, enthusiasm, and sacrifice. O spare this generation from living on the life made by the breath of others. When the hours of the day are over, merciful Father, flood all hearts and minds with the silver light of a perfect peace. Amen.

Monday
January 16
1933

Heavenly Father, in the hour of weakness and temptation, when beaten and baffled; when we perceive how vast the universe is in which we move and our thoughts are filled with wonder and puzzle; in these experiences, to know that our names are written on Thy hands is the sweetest poetry of

human life. O Thou who hast revealed Thyself as eternal righteousness and eternal love, let there be in our hearts the psalm of praise and gratitude. Almighty God, Thou are the inspiration of every great movement in all the earth; Thou dost bind age to age and art the very soul of history, move upon the face of all lands and bind us to all things that run toward eternal good and are celebrated in heaven. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
January 17
1933

OUR FATHERS' GOD, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, Thy name be praised; incline our hearts to Thee; very precious is this fellowship. In it dark things and bad tempers cannot thrive and prevail. Father of mercies, Thou art the light of the world; in it all institutions can become nobly fruitful. O come Thou richly with our Republic, until its empire shall become world-wide through the channels of peace and Christian integrity. May the service of this Chamber inspire new industries, new arts, and new morals. O let the tides of comfort and plenty rise higher and higher, blessing the poorest homes of the remotest sections, exterminating poverty, curing social ills, and making happiness coextensive with our brother man. Amen.

Wednesday
January 18
1933

NOT UNTO US, not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy holy name give glory. We come to Thee by way of the cross; here let us be severely true to ourselves, seeking the highest ideals of honesty and veracity, cultivating the spirit of meekness, unselfishness, and reverence. To serve our country is to enlist in a great privilege. Arm us with strong convictions, zealous care, acute insights, and fit us for a true and large service. The Lord God emancipate our whole land from a destructive materialism and may our fellow citizens understand that it is righteousness that exalteth a nation.

Father in Heaven, keep our souls strong and clear that we may recognize vividly the claims of fine character and of the duties we are called upon to perform. Through Christ. Amen.

Thursday January 19 1933

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, open before us, more perfectly, the royal way of the soul; chiding ourselves, may we cherish good impulses, generous thoughts, and an upward seeking desire for the flower of grace and the rich fruits of righteousness. Be gracious and give us Thy star to brighten our pathway and the key to the treasure house of wisdom. O Spirit of God and our Heavenly Father upon earth, we pray from the depths of our soul for our President and our President-elect. Be with them in all their counsels, and may they speedily ripen into fulfillment. Stimulate them with the highest impulse of patriotism and unite them in a common zeal and in a common consecration. Oh, may they lay the ax at the roots of fear, loss, and danger until they shall be no more and our people shall reap abundantly of comfort and be a joy in themselves. O rise sun of hopeful, glorious day. Rise higher and higher in our Nation's sky, with healing in thy beams, and may they radiate everywhere. Amen.

Friday January 20 1933

OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, as we submit ourselves to Thee, do we realize the great possibilities of our calling and the responsibilities which are upon us. Hold Thou us in the way. May we open our hearts and minds to Thy statutes and cheerfully accept them. Impress us that the training for service lies in the right use of our opportunities. If today's currents are too strong, if the ordeals are too pressing, O Thou, who knowest our frame and who rememberest that we are dust, lead and go before us. Garrison our souls in faith, hope, and love.

Without hesitation or reservation may we accept our solemn duty. In doing so, our Heavenly Father, may we be deeply conscious that humanity unselfishness, and sacrifice are at the very base of our national existence and are as deep as eternity. In the name of the Teacher of man we pray. Amen.

Saturday
January 21
1933

Our Heavenly Father, in the name of Him whose character has never suffered a blemish, whose earthly life has never been dimmed by the shades of time, and whose love touches a world of mortals we pray. In Him is light and in that light there is no darkness. Hear us, dear Lord. If threatened with misfortune, if overtaken by tribulation, may they be dispersed by the love and the power of Him who is our Saviour. Let us confidently be true to Thee, to ourselves, and to our country. May we never surrender to the breath of false ambition, greed, or appetite. Today inspire us to approach all problems with conviction, understanding, and with abounding courage. Amen.

Monday
January 23
1933

Merciful God, Thou art just, perfectly just, and Thou hast told us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; this is the great universal law of Thy equity. Thy commandment is with us, our Father. Just now let our cardinal thoughts be on godliness and righteousness, and everything done today subordinated to the chiefest good. Sustain and strengthen us by those glorious truths, influences, and hopes which were so wondrously incarnated in the earthly life of our divine Teacher. O come, Holy Spirit, and meet our needs and make possible our ideals and establish the work of our hands. Oh, blessed privilege it is to be a citizen of this Republic, having a reverent heart for its institutions, living a loyal life in the ability and disposition to serve. Amen.

Tuesday
January 24
1933

Heavenly Father, the Master of Galilee hath said, "Learn of me." We thank Thee for Him who is the one outstanding Teacher of the art of right living. He passed through such manifold and contrasted circumstances, exercising such wondrous courage and strength, that He compels our most humble and reverent admiration. Yes, blessed Lord, let us learn of Him in joy and in sorrow, in labor and in leisure, in success and in failure. In all these experiences may He steady our souls and guide us in the way. O may His examples glow in our conduct until they become the very music and poetry of our daily lives. Quicken our consciences toward all things upright and warm our hearts toward all things good. Bless us all with that love that lies beyond earth's fairest things. Amen.

Wednesday
January 25
1933

O Thou who has not forgotten to be merciful and gracious unto us, we call upon Thee to replace our weakness with strength. Let performance to duty be our delight and service for our country our vocation. With minds calm and earnest may we patiently and seriously work to encourage and bless our fellow men. For them we would reveal strong action, appealing emotion, and be masters of situations. In whatever station, remind us of Thy pure teaching, searching appeals, and solemn warnings. O may they be laid on all our hearts and be pondered in our inner thoughts. Hear us, Father, in solitude, meditation, and in prayer may we deepen and quicken our spiritual natures; thus may our characters break into new life and beauty. Amen.

Thursday
January 26
1933

Our loving Father in Heaven, may we look well to this day. Let us cease to remember the sigh of regret and the tear of penitence and passionately affirm our divinity and the grace of the

Cross that makes us forever Thine. Keep us mindful that self-control is by way of self-will, that liberality is by way of giving, and that magnanimity of soul is by way of self-denial. Let these be with us in beautiful fruition. Harken, loving Father; every human heart is human, and in every bosom there are longings, yearnings, and strivings, yet so often our wills are feeble and helpless. O God, ever listen to our simple story of appeal and let it touch Thy right hand of Thy love and mercy. In the name of the Saviour. Amen.



Friday
January 27
1933

O THOU, OUR EVERLASTING PORTION, who hast enclosed us in an everlasting past of goodness and a future of endless glory, we praise in our hearts Thy holy name. Thy mercy is as constant as the stars that never set, as the mountains that never move, and as the tide that never forgets to flow. O Lord of all being, to each loving heart how very near Thou art. Day by day be present with this Congress. May we here realize the richness of life, its glorious opportunities with their vast outlook and their inexpressible joys. O God, journey with us as we pass through the gateway of this noonday hour. Amen.



Saturday
January 28
1933

OUR LORD GOD OF THE AGES, the eyes of whose glory cannot look upon iniquity, be merciful unto us. Increase our faith that we may have rest and quiet in the discipline of life. May its light never fade into darkness, nor its goodness lose its vitality. O may we magnify the grace of our God in the spirit of the deepest gratitude. With self-restraint and with true hearts may we bend ourselves to our country's need; live in fellowship with our people and in the service of this day. Bless the Congress with unity of purpose, vision, and motive. Stir

our whole land with a great awakening; bring it to a realization that impoverishment, social suffering, and bereavement will pass by and that our Republic shall not be caught in the iron mesh of some remorseless fate. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday
January 30
1933

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou art still stretching out Thine arms of love to claim us as Thine own. O Thou in whom power and pity blend tenderly and freely, Thou dost give us all things. By many considerations Thou dost restrain us from evil impulses and wrongdoing. O fill us with the visions, the charities, and the enthusiasms of a new life and make us Christian in deed and in truth. Create in us new instincts, new desires, new powers of thought and feeling and will. Almighty God, may we prescribe today sovereign remedies that shall bless and brighten every hearthstone in all the land. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
January 31
1933

WE WAIT, ALMIGHTY GOD, in most reverent recognition of Thy Eternal Fatherhood. To be denied of this privilege is to miss the finest law of conduct, the master impulse of the best life, and the surest ground of the largest hope. Through prayer and discipline and endeavor may we attain those strong qualities of soul, of which we caught the first glimpse at our mothers' knee. Endow us with power to thoroughly realize the great value of wise thinking and to be deeply affected by justice, sacrifice, and pity. O let these palpitate in our daily experiences. Be very near us today, full of sympathy, ignoring our failures, whispering peace into our breasts, and strengthening us in all things, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

Wednesday February 1 1933

MOST GRACIOUS FATHER IN HEAVEN, we thank Thee for Him whose voice is the music of heaven and whose word is the message of a righteous and a redeeming God. O do Thou increase the power of all agencies and movements that are seeking and laboring to lift the burdens of the unemployed and the unfortunate. With vigor and devotion may we seize the social law of mutual love and service. Let the teachings of the Master be turned loose until they overrun the homes and flood the firesides of our whole country. Inspire us to serve in lifting our fellows into the kingdom of peace and self-respect. As Thy glorious promises are to them that overcome, crown us this day with that strength of character that sustains in the hour of trial and temptation. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday February 2 1933

OUR DUTY IS BEFORE THEE, O MASTER, MARY'S HOLY CHILD; idealize it, transform it, encircle it with a halo of divinity until we are enriched by it. May we inculcate much that is beautiful, and worthy in His noble virtues. Let them have full sway in our lives, and the shadows shall not deepen at our sides and we cannot be defeated by the loss that sobs out the cry of its pain. Holy Spirit, Thou Christ of God, make us believe in man, make us believe in the kingdom of righteousness on earth, make us believe in a bountiful Heavenly Father who loves us and will go with us all the way. Let there burn in all hearts the fairest hopes and faiths until Thou dost become the center of our exultant song. Amen.

Friday February 3 1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou hast taught us to pray, assuring us that it is the pathway to power and that the life built on prayer cannot fail. Harken, merciful Father, let us reach that altitude of faith in which all things work together for good to them

that love God. Unlock every dark experience and disclose within it riches of unsearchable value. Be our saviour by strengthening our powers of resistance, by giving us courage, vitality, and energizing our life forces. We beseech Thee, especially, be a force to mold our characters, that sets our ideas in order and that controls our conduct. Unite us in hand, mind, and heart with our brother man; may we be one with him in his toil, joy, and sorrow. In the work of today endow us with steady persistence, with passionate enthusiasm, and with moral and spiritual power that we may do good in Thy sight and serve wisely our country. Amen.

Saturday
February 4
1933

O GOD, our help and our hope in ages past, Thy blessed benediction has been with us, and as unwithering as divine love and as boundless as human life. Thou surely hast nourished us through the years and taught us the true principles of rich and abiding character. In the urgent service and need of our country make us watchful and consumed by a noble passion, and thus we shall be justified in the minds of our fellow citizens. Our Father, be with men of every station; guide men, sustain men, help men, shelter men, and console men as they walk up and down the streets and lanes of our land, and make us all merciful and true. In every worthy vocation and in every essential business may we seize the opportunity of developing clean, strong, and manly souls. Amen.

Monday
February 6
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose glory flames from sun to star, yet to each loving heart how near Thou art, today sustain us by Thy holy presence for we are walking the way checkered with light and shadow, with joy and tears. Do Thou soften sorrow, invest painful memories with grace, and make fruitful in peace the ashes of affliction. One has left the heart

of our Nation. The fetters of sense were stricken from his soul, and he left in the glory and promise of eternal morning. We thank Thee, our heavenly Father, that when we sound the depths of experience that earth is not the boundary line of our vision. We praise Thee for Him, who is the Rock of our faith. Upon His emptied and angel-filled tomb the glow of the eternities will never fade away. Let us exult in Him of whom are all things, by whom are all things, and to whom are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.



Tuesday
February 7
1933

O THOU WHO FEEDS THE SPARROWS, arrays the lilies in their splendor, and makes the sun to shine upon the evil and the good, hear our petition; cleanse our hearts; purge our vision, and make us see all things in Thy light. Let us confidently cling to Thy truth, for nothing else is real. Thou who art the God of the fatherless, the God of the widow, and the God of the oppressed, be merciful unto them. In the midst of righteousness and unrighteousness, between good and evil, show us the path of life and make for us places of character and wisdom. O lead us in the solution of all problems and the questions which are so pressing. The blessed Lord be with our people, and Thy will be done. Amen.

Wednesday
February 8
1933

AGAIN, ALMIGHTY GOD, the light of another day has broken on our mortal vision. The angel of Thy face stands by us, bends above us, and Thou wilt be with us when all else fails. Duties await us, responsibilities are upon us. We should despair of the Republic if the high, stern note of Christian individualism were ever weakened. We praise Thee for all the powers with which we are endowed. In the whole range of them none is more sacred than the gift of free choice. We

thank Thee that we are Thy rational offspring. May we this day solemnly renew our covenant and our dedication as the responsible servants of the public weal. May this consecration mean renewed, unstinted loyalty to those historic and traditional institutions which are the fruits of free and representative government. Inspire all of us with outstanding courage and conviction, and with a splendid moral sense that will stand up under the vacillations of human nature. Amen.

Thursday February 9 1933

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, beautiful for elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, the city of the great King. Let this ideal ever be outlined in our vision. Here all high standards and precious things are contemplated, here is the sense of the presence of God, which gives recognition and worth to wise purposes and righteous ambitions. Privileged as we are with commending opportunities, save us from being disappointing. Let every helpful measure be used that shall give clear encouragement, enthusing our country with newness of life, which will proclaim the advent of a better day. May we never cease to care for others, but walk with them beneath the burdens they bear. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Friday February 10 1933

INFINITE SPIRIT, we rejoice that Thou art eternal light, eternal morning, and eternal noon. We thank Thee that Thou art our Father—the purest, the most just, and the most compassionate God who ever entered the conception of man. May the spirit of our divine Master be breathed into all hearts; let it be diffused so that it shall touch all duty and life. With deep solicitude and earnestness may we work out the material and social salvation of our country. Heavenly Father, administer Thy gracious providence and grace for the special end of helping all who are in the

emergencies of the day. Stimulate us, dear Lord, with the highest virtues; bless us with a serene faith, and with a hope that triumphs over all adversity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday
February 11
1933

Eternal God, strong to save, incline Thine heart and hear our prayer. Allow no unworthy thought or desire to come with us into the presence of the Most High. Thou hast said the servant is not above his master, or the disciple above his Lord. Let the light of the first century be the light for the twentieth century. We beseech Thee to let Thy word be most thought-compelling, most zeal-inspiring, and country-wide transforming. We pray that it may bear the world onward to the goal of God's benevolent purposes. The Lord give us the power of might to respond with sweeping conviction to the appeals of our neighbors, our comrades, our fellow citizens, and even the stranger within our gates. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Monday
February 13
1933

O Spirit Divine, Thou dost prefer before all temples a pure and an upright heart. Instruct us, for Thou knowest; illuminate us, that Thy ways to the world may be justified. Thou hast provided for us One who stands for us in the moral gap of sin. With all our hearts may we love and know Him; bless us with the peace of a perfect trust. Thy Holy Word is with us: "A man shall be as a hiding place from the tempest and a refuge from the storm; as rivers of water in a dry place and as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land." O God, in this hour especially, make our lives strong, helpful, and beneficent; how this old earth is mourning for such. Arouse us with unflinching powers and influences that shall deliver our country out of the valley of distress and revive emancipating hope and faith everywhere. Amen.

Tuesday February 14 1933

HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD, according to Thy loving-kindness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. O speak to us, dear Lord, and a sense of quiet duty, quiet thought, and freshness of energy of life shall steal upon us. Life is so varied; there is such an array of possibilities! O let us work in the spirit of a noble faith and consecration. Then we shall realize Thine approval and our labors shall live in the heart of our Republic. Let Thy rule of justice and righteousness be our master law. By wise and persistent effort may we seek constructive good and understand that true merit lies in hard work and personal sacrifice. Hear our prayer, we beseech Thee. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Wednesday February 15 1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose light is as the morning and whose glory is as the rising of the sun, we thank Thee that there is not one human life beyond Thy love and care. With relentless determination and unyielding courage may we lose ourselves in unremitting toil in the service of our country. Enable us to set free our fullest and our ripest powers in the solution of the baffling problems which confront us. O stir within us the song of hope, and defeat everlastingly the dirge of despair. Animate us with the faith and the sacrifice of those heroic souls who made possible the glory of our Republic, and transform all needless alarms, groundless fears, and false prophecies into abiding victories. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday February 16 1933

IN THE BEGINNING GOD—back of the heroisms, of the loves, of the tragedies, of the emotions with their weepings and their laughters—behold, Thou art there. O Thou who art the judge of all the earth, because Thou art, there must be wisdom and love dominant over all. In the twilight of our

imperfect knowledge help us to climb the altar stairs toward Thee. In the great realm of our Christian faith, may we find that which shall enable us to set in motion the great forces which are fundamental to our institutions and to our individual lives. Over the tumult and over the restless sea of our national life may we hear Thee calling and see Thy right hand. We wait in sorrow, we wait in our humiliation, and we wait in our self-reproach. Almighty God, we are most grateful for the preservation of the life of our President-elect, and we rejoice today that there are no tears to dry, no wounds to bind, and no sufferer to tend and bless. Amen.



Friday
February 17
1933

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet and let us be conscious of Thy holy presence. With gratitude we approach Thee. Make us altogether worthy of our high calling and touch our hearts by the breath of our Heavenly Father. As servants of the people, may we be prophets and ministers of a better day-dawn. Thou who art the bread of life, strengthen us in that faith that maketh not ashamed and that sees the sun behind the floating cloud. We pray, blessed Lord, for the might of that faith that rebukes selfishness and greed and that lays hold of the altar of God. We thank Thee for the Teacher of Samaria, whose beatitudes is His portrait, whose life is the light of men, and who still walks the waves of this turbulent world. Amen.

Saturday
February 18
1933

Heavenly Father, we pray in the name of Him who is the supreme example of human life. O let the magnet of His holy cross hang high and may its invisible power sweep through the waywardness, folly, and fury of this present day. May we soon hail the hour in which we shall see better things in the social and industrial orders and man

to man shall brother be. Forgive our unbelief and our indifference and turn all hearts to Thee. The trust that has been conferred upon us is the greatest honor in the land. The Lord God forbid that our zeal should slacken, our faith get weak, or our love grow cold. May we take anew our bearings and carry ourselves as the sons of God. Amen.



Monday
February 20
1933

O THOU WHO ART LOVE IN ITS TENDEREST FORM, let go that precious consolation, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Draw aside the veil and enable us to perceive the divine compassion and the all sufficiency of Thy holy will. Speak in the whispers of that peace which comforts the heart of a child. Our citizens of every section, abide with them in great measures of material and spiritual blessings. Strengthen our fellowship, instruct us by Thy teachings, and become to us a light on our pathway. Thou God of all peoples and of all lands, set in motion divine influences that shall flow like ocean tides around the world until all shall be bathed in their floods and the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday
February 21
1933

HEAR US, BLESSED LORD, as we pray that each day we may grow increasingly appreciative of the treasures of the immortal soul. We ask for the enrichment and the enlargement of our deepest spiritual natures. Here let us realize our faith and hope in an everlasting inheritance; we thank Thee for the prospect. It is written on the brow of the morning, it is colored on the face of the sky, it is emblazoned in the radiance of the sunlight, and we praise Thee that it is the master light of Thy revealed word. O God, how glorious it is for us to be faithful to our privileges and opportuni-

ties. Oh, let our fidelity mean bending our whole soul to our tasks. By industry, patience, and perseverance may we meet Thy approval. Amen.

Wednesday
February 22
1933

Almighty God, who art over all and blessed forevermore, whose majesty and glory move the lives of men, we wait at the altar of prayer and praise. In every national emergency Thou hast lifted up one to combat injustice and to confront the foes of the march of civilization. Today may there burn in all hearts a diviner purpose and a purer flame of patriotism because of that peerless one whose dust sleeps on the shore line of the historic Potomac. The hearts of all loyal Americans are unspeakably grateful to him who refused to tolerate the enemies of free government and the unchangeable foes of human liberty. We praise Thee that he declared to the world that kings' scepters cannot harmonize with free, democratic institutions. Grant that his name may resound about every hearthstone, in every schoolhouse, and in every altar in all our Land. The Lord God save our people and direct this Congress to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Thursday
February 23
1933

We approach Thee again, our Father in heaven and our Father on earth. Thy protecting arm has been about us, and we thank Thee. Today, if trials come, if temptation meets us, let them not stain our souls by gaining mastery over us. Create within us a noble passion to serve Thee and a fine idealism of life. Through the span of this day, that reaches from dawn to dark, may it not be broken by harsh discords. O lead us in that pathway that brings gladness at the first and glory at the last. O God of love and God of mercy, bless abundantly the loves of our hearts and the centers of our homes. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Friday
February 24
1933

O THOU WHO ART THE REVELATION OF ETERNAL LOVE, let us constantly seek to be filled with Thy blessed spirit. Thou hast revealed to us with clearness and power the divinest law in all this universe, namely, the law of love. Do Thou enthrone this wonderful grace within our souls. Take out of our hearts that which is harmful and destructive. If they are blighted with vanity, greed, or envy, forgive us and set us free, our Heavenly Father, and let in the sovereignty of love. With our spiritual eyes open and uplifted we shall see the light, which may be delayed but not denied. Each day inspire us to quit ourselves like men, by being strong, courageous, and true. May we now declare it can be done, because it ought to be done. Amen.

Saturday
February 25
1933

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, make the threshold of this moment the gateway of thanskgiving and praise. We thank Thee for the commonplace things of life which are so essential to our peace and comfort. Be gracious to accept our gratitude for shelter, for food, for raiment, for loved ones, for liberty of conscience, for the open library, and far beyond all other blessings, for the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. O temper our lives and let their qualities be developed. Allow not burdens to be too heavy, temptations too subtle, or sorrows too acute. We thank Thee that the hand of the Lord our God limits the severities of life so that they may serve and not destroy us. Let this day bespeak Thy present help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday
February 27
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who art timeless and ageless, our yesterdays are passed, and through Thy providence we are at the threshold of another day's labor; Thy guidance can prevail, so we wait in prayer. Regard in mercy our petition. Thy

promises link this day with eternity. Open up our souls and let them feel the pulsations of Thy Holy Spirit; do Thou determine the quality of our manhood. Here let Thy light shine abroad bearing wisdom and discretion on every side. May we be built up in goodness and be led to understand the right way, the wise way to give just government to our people. Heavenly Father, unite us in a common zeal, in a common ambition, and in a common consecration in defense and in support of the stability and the might of the Republic. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
February 28
1933

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who art supremely just and merciful, continue Thy loving-kindness with us and let us be directed by Thy counsels. Enrich our understanding with wisdom and knowledge. With all diligence may we perform our duties and bear our responsibilities both in public and in private life. Blessed Lord, we thank Thee for the radiance that prevails above us, for all things temporal and spiritual, for the hopes that cheer us, for the hearts that love us, for the brave arms that would defend us, for the best government on earth, and for the countless mercies that daily bless our lives. Amen.

Wednesday
March 1
1933

O GOD OF OUR FATHERS, Thy sovereign mercy and Thy daily providences are the overarching and the undergirding realities of our fondest hopes. It is through care divine that we are still treading our accustomed pathways; we thank Thee; how great are our obligations. O fill our breasts with the mightiest meanings until the laws of truth and charity become native in the depths of our souls. Forgive our trespasses; bury them in the sea of forgetfulness and remember them against us no more forever. May our labors be as fruitful vines, whose leaves shall be for the healing of the wounds of our

Nation. In all of our relations to our high calling may we follow the teachings of the Man of Galilee. In His name we pray. Amen.

Thursday March 2 1933

Almighty God, Thou who dost inhabit eternity, the Infinite One who transcends all time and space, we wait before Thee in prayer and supplication. Thou dost comprehend the pathos of human experience; speak to all hearts words of cheer, of affection, of approbation, and give sweet refreshment to every mind, soul, and body. Heavenly Father, as Thou art the God of the little child, condescend to come to us. We need Thee; let Thy Holy Spirit evermore cleanse us from all iniquity. As we pass through the sacred paths of human life may we not forget Thee and neglect the Christian law of life and service. O we need to have a vision of the things that outlast the stars. O bless us with that spiritual music that charms away temptation, doubt, and fear, and lift our hearts to the eternal harmonies. O Father of consolations, a strange and sudden affliction has befallen our Nation and souls are bewildered. May they stay themselves upon Thee and find relief and comfort. In this troubled, shaken hour be our rod and staff. Blessed Master and Lord, hear us. O help us to bear one another's burdens. Amen.

Friday March 3 1933

Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou art always nigh and the gate of prayer is never closed. O Thou who didst breathe hope into cheerless lives and stretched forth Thy hand to falling patriots and martyrs, glory be unto Thy holy name forever. By the prayers and hardships of our heroic sires and their valorous sons and daughters Thou hast raised up a nation of power and wealth to be an inspiration for good government throughout the world. They toiled, they bled, they taught, and they achieved.

Blessed be their memory forever. Grant, O Lord, unto the East, the West, the North, the South all the blessedness of a united and a regenerated country. As long as there is human weakness to be strengthened, as long as there is aspiration to be developed, as long as there is character to be unfolded, may we never undervalue the inheritance which has been committed unto us. O God of love, we bear upon our praying lips a petition for our President-elect and our Vice-President-elect and their hearthstones; may no peril befall them. The Lord God be with them through the years and establish Thou the work of their hands. O may the ship of state sail on and on, always casting a jubilant anchor of honor and good will in the harbors of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thursday
March 9
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations, before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting Thou art God. Here, at the footstool of prayer, we would fortify the life of our souls as we face the sacred duties that await us. In these solemn hours mercifully direct our minds and hearts. With unyielding fidelity may we be absolutely true to the trust which a great people have imposed in us. Amid toil with its unsolved problems, may we approach them with the deepest seriousness. Show us that the very joy of existence is in renouncing ourselves that we may help others. O blessed Lord God, this day let us see the victor's star. Do Thou graciously abide with our Speaker, the Members, the officers, and the pages of this Congress; in all our ways may we acknowledge Thee. Heavenly Father, harken, read our hearts, for words fail as we pray for our President; O hear us as we bear him to the throne of grace; day by day dwell with him; may he have the unswerving loyalty and the cooperation of a true,

loyal, united citizenship; thus may our Republic spring anew in the sunlight of God. O flood the arteries of our whole land with truth, knowledge, good will, and a devote patriotism. In love and mercy remember all our citizens and institutions, and let the benedictions of peace and plenty rest upon all our hearthstones. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday March 10 1933

Most merciful Heavenly Father, once more in the dispensation of Thy providence we are met, and we turn to Thee with our grateful hearts. Thou dost shield us in the day of temptation, Thou dost succor us in the hour of trial, and Thou wilt go with us all the way. O renew our wills, blend them with Thine, and dispel the shades of error. Fill our souls with high visions, convictions, and ambitions; be a compelling force in our intellects, our consciences, and in our affections. Blessed Lord God, pierce the clouds and let Thy rainbow span Thy throne. O touch and kindle every faculty of our beings as with simple diligence, quiet perseverance, and unyielding determination we approach our tasks. With an unfaltering trust in Thee may we move forward. Amen.

Saturday March 11 1933

O Thou Almighty and everlasting God, we wait with burdened hearts; at Thy mercy seat we bow; a great affliction has befallen our land; our neighbors and the gardens of the sundown sea are laid low. Clouds and darkness are round about Thy throne. Reason staggers, yet groping, trusting, hoping, we kneel blindly at the altar stairs that slope through darkness up to God. Father in Heaven, allow not the stricken ones to be uncared for. In their desolation, in their surprise, and in their anguish O come to them, walking on the turbulent waves of their bitter sorrow. Comfort all who are in the region of

death, and bless all who are borne down and perplexed. We pray, we plead in the name of Him who was slain from the foundation of the world; whose name is mercy, whose face is light, whose heart is love, whose strength is gentleness, and who is our pledge, our peace, and our immortality. Amen.



Monday
March 13
1933

Beneath Thy mighty hand, O God, we humble ourselves. With Thee a thousand years are as a day and a day as a thousand years. We praise Thee that back of the flight of time there is the sheltering, loving heart of our Heavenly Father. We thank Thee for Thy daily care. Holy Spirit, help us to be calm in the presence of difficulty, patient in the face of hard problems, strong and compelling in our decisions. Most earnestly impress us that the finest reach of manhood is to care and provide for the weak, the distressed, and the unfortunate. Set before us this goal, namely, high character, which is the true achievement of life. O come to this waiting, longing world all about us. May we love God, trust the Saviour of the world, serve man, and fear only evil. Amen.



Tuesday
March 14
1933

O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, Thou who didst build the world in order and the atoms that march in tune, condescend to us, we beseech Thee. Enable us to take up the labors of these hours with earnest, sincere, and generous hearts and minds. Saturate our very breasts with the atmosphere, light, and courage of patriotic devotion. On the altar of every heart may there flame forth the spirit of a genuine, mutual cooperation; in every way may we protect the claims, just and righteous, of a free people. May the golden rule of the Master be the climax of our hopes, the height of our ambitions, and the ideal

of what we would like to practice. In the silent moments at the close of the day let us recognize the voice that has been with us since the morning. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday March 15 1933

THOU, WHO ART LORD of LORDS AND KING OF KINGS, from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, Thou art the world's eternal light, making righteousness, mercy, and meekness the true religious service. Though Thy ways are infinitely higher than our ways and Thy thoughts than our thoughts, yet they mock fate. They whisper of love underlying all law and infolding all life. We thank Thee, Father, that our times are in Thy hand. O let our daily goal be the pure heart of truth, to which the angels of God bend down and listen. In the name of our blessed Saviour. Amen.

Thursday March 16 1933

GREAT IS THE LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. How wonderful is Thy providence, Heavenly Father. Each day it dawns upon us with the beauty and the promise of the morning. We rejoice that "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Heavenly Father, bless all our homes with the heavenly gifts of love and remember our loved ones who are far away with a joy and peace that shine brighter than the day. Create within us a greater determination to build up our spiritual lives with the sentiments of love, fidelity, brotherhood, and aspiration, and glory be unto Thy holy name forever. Amen.

Friday March 17 1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, in a world that is full of labor, full of disappointment, and whose fruitage is often disappointment, we thank Thee that we are sus-

tained by the divine hand that pours light upon our pathway. The great truth of Thy overruling care will never be eclipsed by the vastness of the universe nor the unexplained mysteries of human experience. O Christ of God, Thou whose care was challenged by the humble sparrow, wilt not pass us by. Thou wilt give always the cup of strength. Oh, blessed is that life that carries sweetness, that sows mercy, and gives inspiration. Heavenly Father, lead us in these ways. Amen.

Monday
March 20
1933

O blessed Providence that never forsakes us, O wonderful promise of the Father's redeeming love, we thank Thee that we cannot drift beyond divine care. For every conquest over sin, for every hope of salvation, for every aspiration toward a good life, for every ambition that lifts our face toward the holy mount, we offer Thee our praise. O speak to us in benediction; shield us all with a faith that cannot be shattered; temper us with great convictions that will stand the fire of combat; keep our hearts from bitterness and our spirits from repining. May we count no struggle too great, no sacrifice too costly, that the days of happiness and contentment may return to all our people and of every section. Through Christ. Amen.

Tuesday
March 21
1933

Almighty God, bring us nearer to the likeness of the Teacher of Galilee. Above the present-day strife, confusion, and discord, O let us hear Thy voice. In this quiet moment may we all acknowledge the need of a simple faith in our Heavenly Father. May we prove our love of country by self-denial, our patience by smiling away worry, our zeal by our continuous efforts to serve, and let sweetness of temper be a sign of our strength. Holy Spirit, mercifully abide with our Republic.

Blessed Lord, be in its highways and hedges, be in its dense centers of human life, be Thou on our frontiers. O be with our whole land, making it a garden of the Lord. Amen.



Wednesday March 22 1933

IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS OF THY PROVIDENCE, O Thou eternal God, there is no respect of persons. Thou dost make the sun to shine on the evil and the good and sendeth rain upon the just and the unjust. In the ministry of love lead us along this pathway that means fullness and richness of character. O judge us tenderly and mercifully. Bless us this day with the generous pleasure of deeds kindly done. Let the spirit of the Master pervade our beings, shaping our thinking and influencing our activities. Again we bear our country to the altar of prayer. Soon, ah, soon, let us catch the undertone which assures us of a brighter and a better day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thursday March 23 1933

BLESSED FATHER IN HEAVEN, we thank Thee that beyond the night are the open gates of the morning. O Redeemer and Lover of us all, come vitalize, transform, and beautify our souls. We praise Thee for Thy free gift to the world and the exhaustless fountain of divine love and mercy. Quicken in us all those blessed faculties of faith, hope, and love which are the flower and the crown of character. Reinforce us; spur us on in fresh effort to bring quietude and contentment to the untold throngs and countless homes which must be rescued from the strangling grip of poverty and want. Hear us, gracious Lord. Let us hearken to the words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." Amen.

Monday
March 27
1933

LORD GOD OF HOSTS, be with us yet, lest we forget. We most earnestly pray for Thy wisdom to direct us that we may add more and more to the contentment and peace of mind of our country. O hasten the hour when happiness shall bless the whitened brows of the aged and flash from the laughing heart of childhood. Heavenly Father, enable us to realize most vitally that eternal vigilance is the price of everything that is dear to human hearts and homes. Through faith and perseverence lead us to devise ways that shall inspire devotion to the Republic and give patriotic incentive to our fellow citizens everywhere. Keep us in harmony with all things good and just and praises be unto Thy holy name forever. Amen.



Wednesday
March 29
1933

O BLESS US AND SUSTAIN US, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, with the spirit of the Master. It is the spirit of righteousness, truth, and justice which nothing can defeat. It creates purity of heart, faithfulness of purpose, and uprightness of action, and these are abiding realities of character. May the living God be set in our thoughts and hearts, glorious in holiness, purity, and power. Thou alone canst make the high ideals of life possible. Blessed Lord and Saviour, Thou art so essential to our national welfare. Be Thou, Heavenly Father, with our President, our Speaker, and all Members of this Congress, that they may realize a unity and deep convictions in these hours of our country's call and need. Amen.



Monday
April 3
1933

ETERNAL GOD, Thou hast taught us to pray. It invests our souls with a horizon wide as the universe and endows us with a heritage as enduring as time. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that it bears witness that we are Thy children, for Thou wilt surely hear when we pray, and bless us

with Thy companionship through endless ages. Search our consciences, O God. Make visible to our eyes the divine light. May we be caught up in the service of humanity. O may the lamp of universal brotherhood be relighted and save the world from the conflicting tumult of suffering and intolerance. We pray that they may never stain our flag or the history of the Republic. Let us hear the voice of the divine Herald, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Bless our country; it is very grand, yet very sacred, because it is the gift of a good God. We thank Thee for it. Amen.



Tuesday
April 4
1933

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, bless us with that inward stillness until we cease any imperfect thinking. In singleness of heart may we wait to know Thy will and to apprehend both the need of our country and the obligation which that need imposes. Let us have the assurance of the right way, and also of that quality of life and action that shall lead us to the Master and to our God. Inspire this Congress to lift up a standard for all the people in every section of our beloved land, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Amen.



Wednesday
April 5
1933

O LORD AND THE MASTER OF US ALL, ours is the heart sob of humanity. Death, of which all men stand in jeopardy every hour, has darkened and broken the circle of our brothers and our defenders. Heavenly Father, look upon us with the sweet, compelling love of Thy pity. We are so helpless. Quivering with alarm, wrapped in the curtains of a tragic night, they held on to their honor unto the last. Under the sea, under the sea, in the mysterious depths of a black world, O God, their cold lips make no answer to the cries of their loved ones. Oh, theirs is the bread of tears.

O come to the widows and the orphans and be the star of hope and of promise in their sunless skies; penetrate the veil that hangs over their unborn tomorrows. Manifest Thyself toward us through the hours of this day, and may we have no memory of gifts withheld or service unrendered that shall mar the bliss of an untroubled conscience. Amen.



Thursday
April 6
1933

HEAVENLY FATHER, be gracious and bridge the chasm that separates us from communion with Thee. We turn in prayer to the throne room of the universe. Thou, who art touched with a feeling of our infirmities and yield to the feeblest cry of little children, accept our offering. O may our dreams and visions open a world of happy usefulness in the service of the people. Persuade us, blessed Lord, that in the sweep of time, success is the sweet, patient waiting for the will of God. Let hope revive beneath the dismal skies of our country and courageous faith discern the coming of better and brighter days. In the name of the Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday
April 11
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, we rejoice that we are in a world where Thou dost reign. Thou art the fountain of mercy and dost bring light out of darkness and peace out of pain, and doeth all things well. May we accept it, our Heavenly Father, for larger service and for diviner joys in which our enfranchised souls shall share with those who walk with Thee. In all things that shall be done today may we hear Thy "Well done" and have the blessing of the heart that is undisturbed. Blessed Lord, crown us with minds that plan and ponder, with hearts that yearn and aspire; and may they be used for Thy glory and for our country's good, and Thine shall be the praise. Amen.

Wednesday
April 12
1933

THOU WHO ART ALL IN ALL and from whom cometh the highest good in all the world, we praise Thee that the joy of our Lord is for ever and ever. We need so many things to walk worthily with Thee. Heavenly Father, gather up our tendencies, our failures, and our weaknesses; harmonize them with Thy holy will and blend them in a volume of spiritual melody; steal into our hearts like the rhythm of unearthly peace. We pray that high hopes, peace, and contentment may hang over our country like a summer sun out of which come all life and blessing. We beseech Thee, dear Lord, to hear us in our prayer. Amen.

Thursday
April 13
1933

O GOD, THE ETERNAL AND UNIVERSAL FATHER Thy holy name be praised for the length, the breadth, and the intensity of divine love seen in our Saviour's holy passion. We pray in humbleness of heart, make us worthy, forgive us our sins, and make us stronger wherein we have failed. Create in us more and more the blessed virtues, showing pity where pity is needed, patience where patience is required, gentleness and forbearance where they will encourage. O may we love where the temptation is to hate, and at all times bear one another's burdens. Teach us, dear Lord, these living qualities of life, and let them lodge in the inner courts of our souls. Brood over our President, our Speaker, and all Members of this Chamber, and help us all to bring forth the morning light of promise to our fellow men that they may have a sweet release from their pressing problems. May Thy kingdom come throughout the world, subduing racial prejudice, hateful dissensions, arrogance, dominating pride, and grasping selfishness, and may the Golden Rule of our gracious Heavenly Father be seen among all peoples. Amen.

Friday
April 14
1933

THOU CHRIST THE CRUCIFIED ONE and Mary's Holy Child, consider and hear us. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Monday
April 17
1933

THOU WHO ART OUR ALL-GLORIOUS, Heavenly Father, be merciful to accept the poverty of our gratitude. We pray that the spirit of our divine Teacher may purge out the leaven of envy, of jealously and selfishness, that we may all be brought together in common sympathy, in common desire for the common welfare of our country. As we walk in the midst of care and labor, give us a sense of Thy overruling sovereignty and of that life that is above this life. Let our thoughts and feelings carry no pain, but joy, well-wishing, and good will. Father in Heaven, look graciously upon all classes and conditions of men. May our hands be open and our hearts warm to encourage and succor those who are in need and in misfortune. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
April 18
1933

THOU WHO MADEST THE HEAVENS and taketh up the stars as little things, whose oceans are as the palm of Thine hand and to whom the isles of the sea are as dust in the balance, Thou art the mighty and the everlasting God. We rejoice this hour

because Thou dost bend to the earth, that all suffering humanity may be lifted up and saved. Gracious Heavenly Father, we praise Thee that there is nothing in all the world so patient, nothing so generous, nothing so considerate, nothing so long-suffering as the teachings of Thy only begotten Son. As we live on His levels, so shall we share in His strength, and faintness and failure cannot abound. Entrusted with these offices which we are to discharge, may they be expressed in good conscience, wise principle, and altogether in becoming behavior. Amen.



Thursday April 20 1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, again Thou hast been our refuge and our strength. We praise Thee, our blessed Heavenly Father; Thou art so infinitely good, absolutely and eternally merciful. Let these marvelous blessings inspire us to renewed effort and consecration to the painful needs of our country. O fill the whole spheres of our daily labors with fruitfulness, with vision, and with victory. Make our ideals lofty, our sympathies intense, and our service heroic. Arouse all breasts with a master passion, and may nothing lack of fullness of thoroughness and persistency of wise understanding. Direct us, Heavenly Father, to stand for the just and labor for the helpless, reclaim the fallen, and lift the down-trodden. In all wisdom, in all strength of mind, body, and soul, abide with our President. In these hours of his arduous burdens, merciful God, do not fail him, but comfort him with the richest of all rewards. Amen.



Friday April 21 1933

BLESSED FATHER, who dwelleth in the heavens above and in the hearts of Thy believing children, lay Thy hand upon these energies of ours and more and more build them up and purify them; convert them to growing affection, sacrifice, and devotion

for the good of the public weal. Give us such a measure of Thy spirit that shall disturb us with the joy of elevated thoughts and motives. O strong Teacher of Nazareth, take away all barren desires and mold our characters into Thine own image. May each of us be for our brother as Thou art the Father of us all. We pray that Thou wouldst rule over our people, that loyalty, fidelity, and cooperation may prevail for one goal—the promised land of peace, happiness, and contentment. Amen.



Saturday
April 22
1933

THOU WHO DWELLEST IN THE HEARTS OF MEN—the memories of childhood and the adorations of manhood—we unite in praise to Thee, whom we rejoice to call "our Father." We have been sheltered, protected, and loved by Thee, and we pray that Thou mayest soften, chasten, and subdue us to gentleness and gratitude. Fill all hearts with happiness and peace, and may we walk in their power; allow us not to be burdened with fret, care, and brooding desire. Draw our lives, O Lord, nearer and nearer to Thee that we may know of the things that are higher, sweeter, and more precious. These are communion, fellowship, and intimate relationship with Thee, as a happy child is sure of his father at his side. "I will go with Thee all the way." We thank Thee for this heavenly promise made to us. Let divine guidance have fresh meaning and might in the duties of this day. Amen.



Monday
April 24
1933

O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. We praise Thee; we thank Thee for Thy unfailing care. By the vision, by the passion of our patriotism, by the fervor of our industry, by the stern ideals of duty, may we prove ourselves worthy of the public trust. In every way, O Lord, make us instant to expose wrong, quick to detect evil, and ready to denounce

the unjust. Almighty God, as the ambassadors of disturbed lands gather in state in yonder executive chamber, O fill the unseen chair at the council table. By the ministry of brotherhood may they enter into cooperation with Thee and hasten the golden age of the world. Grant that their deliberations may be as coals of fire upon all rivalries and animosities that pall mankind. May they redeem all lands from their desperate condition. O welcome the day when they shall give back the song of the angels—"Peace on earth, good will to men." And may they never again keep step to the grim music of the hymn of hate. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday
April 27
1933

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou art still steadfast, still unchangeable, still watching with eternal eyes of care. Thy holy word is with us: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We pray that this commandment may permeate our thoughts, our plans, and our honor. Lead us to help him and wound him not, to lift him up and feel pain at his downfall, and always rejoice at his uprising. In our ways may we carry this spirit of working and serving for others. As we move among men, in all our relationships, may we be in affectionate service. O God, enlarge our visions and give us to understand this long-unheeded sign of the golden age. To the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Monday
May 1
1933

OUR LORD AND MASTER, we rejoice at Thy loving fatherhood. When we waver, when we drift, when we stumble, when we are tempted, in all the emergencies of life we have an unfailing source of consolation—our ever blessed Father in Heaven. With this common thought of Thee and of one another may we go through the labors of

this day. We pause, we hesitate. Words fail to express our sorrow at such a moment as this. Our brother, a splendid servant of the public, a fine type of Christian manhood, has left the scenes of this Chamber. Father, comfort the afflicted ones who are left, and at last bring them unto Thyself, where they shall no longer look through a glass darkly. Almighty God, be with those who are in any form of adversity. In the home circle, in the business affairs, in any experience which is difficult, O be Thou their comfort and support. May we all realize that the whole of life is a fleeting scene and that the true realm is the invisible one beyond. In the name of our Saviour we pray. Amen.



Tuesday
May 2
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, grant unto us the fruit of the Spirit. Whatever is just, whatever is honorable, whatever is courageous, whatever is clad in self-forgetfulness, whatever is full of peace and cheer, whatever makes character radiant and resplendent—this is the fruit of the Spirit. Do Thou enable us, our Father, to come to this attainment. In the performance of duty, help us to act in the spirit, temper, and mind of the adorable Teacher of Galilee and our Elder Brother. In His holy name. Amen.



Wednesday
May 3
1933

OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, in these silent moments dedicated to prayer, enable us to listen to the voice of our deepest natures and know that the vast reward of a godly life is in the soul itself. Here we attain the gladness and freedom of duty, and work and sacrifice accomplish their best. In our intercourse with one another in this Chamber may we proceed on the grounds of mutual faith and hope, forgetting ourselves in the largest service we owe out beloved country. O cast Thy peace into the tumultuous life of this present day. Overarch

our restlessness with calm, and in the thought of the eternal may we find guidance and wisdom in the pressing problems of these hours. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday May 4 1933

O GOD, OUR EVERLASTING FATHER, we have in Thee the source and the magnificent disclosure of all those virtues by which we live, by which love is sanctified and true friendship made. The whole soul of gratitude incites the song of praise. Hear our prayer, blessed Lord. In these days of wide-spread distress, open all hearts to be bountiful; to give themselves more and more to the unfortunate. Our Father, join us all together in the unity of a true brotherhood. We pray for more willingness, for more patience, and more confidence in all our fellow citizens. Take us unto Thyself, dear Father, save us all from selfishness, from false pride, from envy, and fill our lives with the spirit of love and benevolence which shall bring the summertime of cheer and the promise of a new day to all institutions and to all homes everywhere. Amen.

Friday May 5 1933

THOU SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH, who dost prefer above all temples a pure and upright heart, make the path of duty plain; instruct us, for Thou knowest the way. May we desire and seek above all things a noble passion for Thee and a fine idealism of life. Let Thine hand be with us that we may be kept from the evil. As we are conscious of real power, may we be willing to be consecrated to the immediate and the essential needs of our land. With all honor and heroic faith may it be placed on the altar of our country. Heavenly Father, as Thou dost love us with a peculiar love, hear our prayer. By Thine unerring wisdom lead us on, and allow not our devotion to the public interest to die down, but

rather may it mount higher and higher until our labors are ended. In the name of our Saviour we pray. Amen.



Monday May 8 1933

OUR LORD AND OUR REDEEMER, full of grace and glory, to Thee we come. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. As the work of the day unfolds, clothe our thoughts with wisdom and our wisdom with action that can stand the scrutiny of broad daylight and sound true to the last. Help us by giving us a very close acquaintance with Thee. Strengthen us with the royalty of an unsullied conscience. Hear us, blessed Lord God, for our country. Mercifully be with the unemployed and idle multitudes all over our land. O give this Congress wisdom to solve their problems. Do Thou subdue all restless clamor, the turbulence of selfish strife, and melt all discord into harmony. Remember us individually, Take each one of us and draw us nearer and nearer to the divine embodiment of the peerless manhood of the Perfect One. O may we dream and strive after the impossible—these are the immortal motives. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday May 9 1933

THOU WHOSE NAME is "Wonderful Counselor", crown us with emancipated minds and aspiring hearts. With firm, abiding faith in Thee, give us the temper, the virtue, and the understanding to do the right. Order all our ways; and may we hope in Thee, whatever may betide. O satisfy us early with inward peace and inward light, and may we wait for the Lord more than we wait for the morning. Forgive our sins and bridge our weakness, and may we be made more noble through discipline and through Thy redeeming grace. Heavenly Father, increase our sense of the divine until Thy excellence, purity, and love appear in everything. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday
May 10
1933

GRANT US, BLESSED LORD, through the hours that await us, Thy wise, guiding presence. Look into our hearts, and mayst Thou hear the music of charity and justice to all men. Thou who dost shepherd the worlds, lead all of us into a larger vision, and allow nothing to obscure our outlook and hope of the diviner life. Make it gloriously possible for us to do the utmost things for our fellow men. Father of Mercy, minister unto the poor, the homeless, and sorely distressed; especially be in the haunted places of the hopelessly afflicted. Devotedly and joyously may we cling to the high privilege of helping those whose lives are dark and flat and unprofitable. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday
May 11
1933

HIGH ABOVE ALL, wrapped in tranquil infinity, our Father, yet in mercy Thou dost look upon this world with its tragedies, storms, and defeats. Give us an inspirational faith to believe that somewhere in this universe there is something waiting to fill our breasts with endless song. We praise Thee for the care and for the love which have gone into Thy children of this earth. Wherefore may we not glory in wealth, or in man, or in station, but glory in the everlasting gift with which we have been endowed. Thou, great Shepherd of the sheep, lend us strength and courage to smite temptation and guard Thy fold from polluting taint of every kind. Let us enjoy the unbroken flows of fresh, new grace while the light of eternity is burning in our breasts. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Friday
May 12
1933

BEHOLD WHAT MANNER OF LOVE the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called children of God! In Thy holy name we would draw apart

this quiet moment and acknowledge Thy abounding mercy and find the kingdom of heaven which lies within us. We thank Thee, blessed Lord, that Thou dost measure Thy justice by love rather than Thy love by justice. As time passes on may we lay up for ourselves the rich treasures of friendships, of sweet experiences, and lasting affections; at the last they shall be our chief and abiding fruits of comfort and satisfaction. Each succeeding day, our Heavenly Father, let us see our whole duty, always standing for the rights, honors, and dignities of our fellow men, and in all things do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee. Amen.

Monday
May 15
1933

We thank Thee, merciful Father, that with the birth of each day there comes the breath of freshness and life, full of wonder and growth to be revealed, and thus we know that all is well. By our fellowship in this Chamber may our ministries be helpful and our characters made stronger and nobler and purer. With all this world about us with its ebbs and tides, may we learn to know Thee in the hidden places of our breasts. Give us the heart, O God, to lift all labor above drudgery into a blessed, patient service. Bless us all with rejoicing and with the assurance of this day. At evening time, when its veil has begun to thicken, may we be conscious that we have put no cloud upon it and that our shadow has been love, our speech music, and our step a benediction. Through Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
May 16
1933

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever. In all things, blessed Lord, inspire us to be faithful and diligent, patient and hopeful, and to know that it is no vain adventure

to be directed and held by these virtues. Give glad assurance to us, and cease not to guide us in all our ways. By Thy grace bind together the tissues of our habits. Bless us today with the hand that helps and with the heart that cheers. May we remember those who have been watching and longing for the day dawn through these unrewarding years. We appeal to Thee, Lord; give help, and set their very souls climbing eagerly toward that life that is vastly big and fine, and in which there are no more fears and distrust. Bring to our whole land peace and service, and hail the hour of rejoicing. Amen.

Wednesday
May 17
1933

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who art crowned with glory and dominion, with infinite love and compassion toward all men and nations, Thou art our God. At Thy feet we lift our hearts and pray for that day for which the prophets, the apostles, and the martyrs labored and died, and for which we long and wait. O sacred moment, O hallowed spot! Lord God of Hosts, the heart of the world has been made a common, a crimsoned, and a bloody roadway for man's inhumanity to man. O it must not murder, it must not rob, it must not leave in misery any of Thy children of whatever land or race. Hear us for its redemption from the barbarities and the cruelties of warfare. Awaken the whole earth from its nightmare of wrath and hate and from its threatened quicksand of destruction and ruin. Be Thou, Almighty God, a bountiful Providence to our President as he seeks to hold the gates, and put into the skies of all lands the star of hope and the bow of promise. O Breath of the Most High, breathe upon him and our country. Reign, reign, Thou art the King of kings and the Lord of lords, and unto Thee be eternal praises. Amen.

Friday
May 19
1933

EVER BLESSED FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thy goodness faileth never. We thank Thee and call upon Thy excellent name. Through all earthly vicissitudes Thy love abides. Teach us always to walk with gratitude in Thy light, and strengthen us to be invincible in Thy spirit and purpose. Awaken in us the sense of a fine opportunity of sharing the distress and the hardships of our fellows, and crown our souls with the courage and the pride that can endure these with dignity and without fear. Forgetting ourselves and fronting forward to the right, in counsel and in deliberation may we do our best, that rich blessings of relief may come to our whole country. Put into all hearts, Heavenly Father, the love, the laughter, and the exultant song of a happy life. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Saturday
May 20
1933

AMID THIS SWEET STILLNESS, while we bow, Lord of mercy, hear us and forgive. As we live in Thy presence, so we live in Thy strength. Let this benediction of love supply a fresh reason why we should delight in Thee and acknowledge our daily blessings as Thy bountiful gifts. Heavenly Father, come with us; give us Thy guidance, that we may not indulge in intemperate speech or in pride or in willfulness. O keep our whole lives with large thoughts, fine emotions, and in fellowship with the things above. These blessings, dear Lord, will be a precious discipline against the day of friction and in the hour of humiliation. Bless all of us with good health, with the joy and peace of a good life. Amen.

Tuesday
May 23
1933

ETERNAL GOD, who hast given us life with all its countless blessings and promises, we rejoice in Thee, knowing that Thou art the source of perfect peace and understanding; all good things cometh from Thy merciful and bountiful hand. We

thank Thee for the kindly sunlight, for the beauty and the glory of the radiant sky. O teach us, our Heavenly Father, the joy of that life made responsive to the messages of the flowers, the songbirds, the fragrant hillsides, and the sweet, quiet murmer of the valley. O forgive us, Lord, for only man is out of harmony. By these ministries may we be led to labor joyously and enter into helpful relations with every good thing that lives. Speak to us in the manifold voices of Thy loving creatures and allow nothing, O Lord, to preclude inward largeness, strength, and vision. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Wednesday May 24 1933

O THOU TO WHOM WE TURN as our loving Heavenly Father, accept our praise and our gratitude for Thy loving providence at the beginning of another day. We pray for that understanding, for that vigor of thought, and for that conviction that shall be ours as we meet the challenge of the problems of this day. Strengthen us, our Heavenly Father, so that we shall be altogether adequate to approach every question. We thank Thee for life, for its visions, for its privileges, and for its possibilities. O urge us to grasp it with energy that fires and with wills that flame. Gracious God, may we share Thy thoughts, and let Thy sense of justice and goodness possess us. Each day may our lives be of some real service to the world, made so by the spirit of Him who was earth's humblest servant, man's greatest friend, and Master of all. Amen.



Thursday May 25 1933

THOU, WHO ART THE CREATOR and the Master of all life, we pause this moment at the altar of prayer and breathe the holy word—not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy excellent name be honor and glory, dominion and power, both now and ever. Here we wait in thanksgiving for the re-

newal of our strength. Gratefully mindful that we are Thine, do Thou put sacredness of duty upon all hearts, that we may ever frown upon all neglect as unworthy of our high calling. O free us from every fear save that of doing wrong. Be Thou that wise presence diffused in all our actions. By faith, love, and energy may we make our way toward the stature of the perfect man. Calm us when vexations distract and rebuke us when scanty thoughts turn us from Thy matchless grace. We praise Thee that Thou art our God forever and ever and will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

Saturday
May 27
1933

Almighty God, Thou hast made the earth by Thy power, established the world by Thy wisdom, and stretched forth the heavens by Thy understanding. We therefore humble ourselves at Thy footstool. In all our ways may we acknowledge Thee. We pray Thee that Thou wouldst sustain us in that glad confidence and in that calm assurance that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. As Thy moral law is perfect in its character and perpetual in its obligation, may we make it our way by intelligent obedience. For everything that makes life better, happier, and richer, for all the mercies that turn our days into strength and encouragement, and for the sweet memories of those blessings that abide while time shall last, we are thankful to Thee, our Heavenly Father, upon earth through the name of Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

Monday
May 29
1933

Again, O Lord Most High, the eternal God, who hast been with us through all our days and hast vouchsafed to go with us all the way, mercifully incline to hear our prayer. Cleanse our hearts that no evil desire may rule us, and renew them by

Thy heavenly grace. Gracious Father, by whose wisdom we were created and by whose providence we shall be saved, enlighten our minds that by the knowledge of the truth, fears of danger may be changed into the joys of recovery. In Thy holy name. Amen.

Wednesday
May 31
1933

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, maker of all things, judge of all men, we beseech Thee to heal our infirmities; grant that we may love, fear, and serve Thee with all faithfulness; direct the tides of our affections, and may they rule our daily conduct. Blessed Father, accept us and, in the performance of public service, crown us with courageous perseverance. By pure motives and sincere convictions, couched in understanding, may we seek, the everlasting good of our Republic and merit the esteem of our fellow countrymen. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Friday
June 2
1933

Heavenly Father, as Thou art so merciful unto us, teach us to be merciful unto others. May we hear and obey the commandment—do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Hasten the day when those jealousies shall cease which have separated nations so long and dashed one upon the other. Grant, our Father, that the citizens of our own land may live intelligent and obedient lives, and that the hearts of our people may more and more cleave together. Blessed Lord God, may a high standard of morality and essential unity live and prevail throughout our entire Nation. Be with any who may be perplexed in business and upon whom care and anxiety are weighing heavily. Hear our prayer and be pleased to give direction to the deliberations of this day, and unto Thee be eternal praise and glory. Amen.

Saturday
June 3
1933

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, through all the past years we have been abundantly helped and succored by divine care. May we have the deepest gratitude for Thy abounding mercy and goodness, and may these lead us to repentence and not selfishness. As we lift our thoughts, our yearnings, and our petitions to Thee, open Thy heart, O Father, and let Thy blessing flow as from the rock with the cleansing streams. As we have been taught that Thou art the ruler of heaven and earth, O give us conscious power, wisdom, and goodness, and make us all wiser than our own understanding. We would submit ourselves to Thy guidance. We rejoice in the coming of that glory in which shall be revealed the unrealized and the unseen; then our souls shall break forth into resounding joy, thanksgiving, and praise. We thank Thee. Amen.

Monday
June 5
1933

BLESSED FATHER IN HEAVEN, for this radiant daylight hour we thank Thee for the marvelous revelation of Thy infinite self in the open book of nature. In Thy handiwork we see universal love and disinterested affection. Thy gracious gifts are not doled out to a selected few, but for the wide world's comfort and happiness. Thy sun shines upon the just and the unjust; the poor man is blest equally with the rich man; selfishness receives as much as benevolence. We praise Thee, merciful God, that from Thy throne there gush forth the streams of love which flow for all men. Thy kindness is universal and Thy forgiveness disinterested. We praise Thee that Thy sympathy, Thy kindness, and Thy generosity move over us like the glory of a summer sky, overflowing in countless treasure. Oh, may they all come to us with the gentle voice, namely, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Amen.

Tuesday
June 6
1933

GRATEFULLY, BLESSED LORD, do we acknowledge Thy love and mercy, which have given us all this day, with its privileges and opportunities for service and joyous, useful hours. Animated by Thy wonderful providence, may we approach our labors with conscientious zeal and with hearts full of sympathy with the calling needs of our land. Feed us, Heavenly Father, with the bread of life that shall enrich our minds and hearts, and lead us not to forget those precious treasures that help the common man. Humble us amid our manifold blessings, and may we ever aim to be among the pure in heart, who alone shall be permitted to see Thee face to face. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday
June 8
1933

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, in a world of changes and vicissitudes, we pray for wisdom to learn their lessons and to acquire their discipline. We seek Thee, O Lord, for in Thy presence there is a sense of the stability and the security of things good and helpful; give us the bright light of a happy assurance. As we lift our cheerful song to Thee this day, set Thy seal upon our lips and restrain us from magnifying the faults and the failings of others. Stimulate us with a patriotic desire to minister unto our country and to those whom the thorns of circumstances have injured. Almighty God, clear the way and diminish difficulties. May we walk all this day long with Thee, and let Thy revealed truth touch all hearts with thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

Friday
June 9
1933

ALMIGHTY GOD, may we live this day which Thou hast given us, as we should, with grateful hearts and with a healthy faith that Thou doeth all things well. We thank Thee that Thou dost still whisper to willing minds. O let not our weakness

eclipse the luster of Thy light. Impress us, gracious Lord, that a narrow faith and a narrow hope fetter our spirits. Be with us, Thou who didst love the lilies of the field and the fowls of the air. Hear us, O Thou who answerest the laborer's appeal: "Raise the stone and thou shalt find Me; cleave the wood, and there am I." Grant us, Heavenly Father, that when the day is done that personal satisfaction, that we have omitted no duty which is due our fellow countrymen. O may we harken unto the pathetic music made up of the mingled joy and sorrow of our brother men and claim the high privilege of serving them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Saturday
June 10
1933

O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever. We thank Thee, our blessed Heavenly Father, that Thy mercies are fresh every morning and new every evening. The tides of divine care are still chanting a lay of our Father's love. In these moments let a solemn hush be upon us. Praises be unto Thy excellent name for the hearts that are near when labor is heavy, for the joy of companionship and for those who just loiter with us, for the firesides that radiate the sweet sunlight of happiness, and for the wealth of pleasure which bids us forget the hardships of life. Father, for all these blessings we most gratefully thank Thee. Bless the President of the United States, the Speaker, and Members of the Congress assembled. May they administer the sacred trust committed unto them in the fear of God and in the love of man. Abide with us all until the sun eternal breaks. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Wednesday January 3 1934

WE WAIT ON THEE, of whom we are fragments and from whom all virtue flows. We thank Thee that Thou art heart of our hearts, soul of our souls, and self of ourselves; in us do Thou work out Thy holy will. Our President, do Thou keep him in the circle of divine love and care. With Thy presence, Lord, do Thou bless our Speaker, the Members, the officers, and the employees of this Congress, and may all hearts confess that from Thee cometh all our benefits. O spread the mantle of happiness and good health upon all hearthstones. Almighty God, let these days be a prelude of the triumph that is to come. Merciful Father, come with us, and marvels shall come to our Nation reborn. Let self-sacrifice, heroism, and idealism make their irresistible appeal to our Republic until all citizens shall realize their brotherhood in one common Father. May they listen to the law of love, and then strife and conflict shall be in the melting shadows of the past. O righteous God, frown upon all Mammon worship and hasten the time when the world over shall become just and generous, and by Thy touch, man everywhere shall receive the blessing that he needs. In the name of our Elder Brother and the world's Saviour. Amen.

Thursday January 4 1934

INFINITE GOD, who art time without end, space without bound; O Thou who dost hold this immense and manifold world in the bond of universal unity, again peace, power, and certainty have smiled upon us from Thy holy will. Do Thou accept our gratitude for Thy unutterable condescension. We pray Thee that Thou wouldst move our minds along with Thine—clearer and higher—and may we cherish our freedom in wise and loving service. Grant us courage to labor as we know and

the will to fashion as we feel. Father in Heaven, write Thy decrees in our breasts and give us the fortitude to sift the good from the ill, the pure from the stained, and the noble from the base. Direct us by Thy spirit, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

Friday
January 5
1934

Apart from the busied, hurried world, our Father, in this quiet moment we would acknowledge the sanctity of Thy sovereign will. Be merciful unto us, O God; be merciful unto us. Thou dost summon us to bring our lives in unison with the divine purpose. We wait; hear us and turn our faces toward the heights. Continue to preserve us by Thy providence and make the onward path plain. Hold us as a nation and allow nothing to sound so furiously as to drown the majestic Voice Divine. Let love, contentment, and justice overbrood our homeland, and may all our people serve Thee with great humility and gratitude. Amen.

Monday
January 8
1934

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Thou who dost enrich the poor in spirit and feedeth the soul with immortal bread, give us that satisfying portion that leavens the understanding, the conscience, and the human heart. O bless us with the incorruptible treasures of knowledge, power, and fairness. Blessed Lord, our mission calls for much strength, courage, and decision of character. Do Thou endow us richly with patience and wise discrimination, and, above all, may we keep our own vineyards above reproach. Bridge our infirmities, and at the very center of all hearts may there be the compelling desire to know more of the living realities of life. O make us to know of the shelter and the safety of the Great Rock, under whose shadow there is experienced the tropical warmth of the heart and where the flame of love

continues to glow on the altar of the human soul. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. Amen.

WE PRAISE THEE, GRACIOUS GOD, for Thy goodness and mercy are as fresh and new as the breath of the early morning! Continue the golden breezes to blow tenderly from the slopes of the upper hills. Our hopes, our yearning spirits, our unspoken prayers, and our quivering silence look up to Thee. We own our weakness and our failures. As we come, make the rapture and peace of soul real and let us find Thy yoke easy and burden light. Almighty God, the great drama of our country's life rolls on. Let come out of heaven a hand clearing, pointing, and inspiring the way, lifting our whole national being to the highest level of brotherly cooperation. Hear us, blessed Lord; fill all lives with a nobly sustaining gladness and all breasts with a trustful patriotic song. Amen.

Tuesday
January 9
1934

O THOU who are the "I am that I am" and our Heavenly Father, too, who forgives, who redeems, and who satisfies, waken in our souls an unutterable silence and grandly vitalize our way. Inspire us to adorn our station with sincere devotion and unyielding fidelity. Guard our speech, quicken our steps on errands of mercy, and make our hearts to rejoice in the doing of the fine and lovely things of life. As we walk amid the sunlight and the shade in life's garden we pray that our example may refresh and not oppress, may liven and not deaden while heaven's light burns clean and deep in our breasts. Blessed Lord, God of love, give Thy blessing of encouragement, comfort, and rest to the down-hearted, the oppressed, and the homeless, and may we use the might of our mission to bring them relief; so direct us, our Heavenly Father. In the name of our Saviour we pray. Amen.

Wednesday
January 10
1934

Thursday
January 11
1934

OUR MERCIFUL HEAVENLY FATHER, there are no shore lines where Thou art. Even the wings of the morning are not mighty enough to carry us beyond Thy sheltering providence; somewhere and everywhere in all this old world is Thy mothering heart; we praise Thee. We beseech Thy wisdom and grace to help us to be spiritual architects, building upon those foundations that never give way. O let the temples of our immortal souls rise higher and higher and without the sound of a hammer. Do Thou manifest Thyself in all our works and keep us in touch with the teeming daily human life which is always unfolding itself before our open eyes. Amen.

Friday
January 12
1934

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou dost desire to deal wonderously with us in this great spiritual universe which enfolds us. Do Thou forgive our omissions and our apathy, and may our very best natures unfold like a flower in the light. We earnestly pray that Thou wouldst allow nothing to cloud our ideals and our visions as we have contact with the world. Permit no experience to mar the sweet poetry of our lives. In sensitiveness of soul and aspiration of mind ever keep us watching and waiting for Thy will. Fashion and steady our mutual bonds for the common good. O may the ties of brotherhood in this memorable Chamber eloquently proclaim that Thou dost love us and Thou dost contemplate our peace and our happiness. Amen.

Monday
January 15
1934

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray for the fellowship of Him who was nobly singular, yet divinely virtuous. In His name we wait on Thee. We seek no slumbering admissions or crippled purposes, but rather that strength which energizes, constrains, and transforms. O let such power flash forth, revealing an understanding of our duty that

waxes into noonday clearness. Again we wait; our hearts stir; may they feel no pain. O God of love, bless unto us the memory of mother dear and inspire us to practice her gentle wisdom in a world that so often loses its joys and its treasures. Everywhere do Thou shelter our land until:

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree.

Amen.

Tuesday January 16 1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who art eternally true, wise, and merciful, from our hearts may there break the prayer of gratitude and entreaty. We thank Thee that Thou art the source of courage, the replenishment of strength, and the inspiration of the common order. Be Thou the inbreak into the labor of this day and keep all burdened ones from the coils of weariness. Enable us to marshal ourselves to forms of everlasting usefulness for the sake of the Republic. God bless our native land and let the harmonies of free intelligence and concordant raptures of loyalty, fidelity, and patriotism be heard in all sections and everywhere. In the name of the Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Wednesday January 17 1934

O MERCIFUL FATHER, condescend to hear our prayer. We pray that in character we may be simple, industrious, devout, and above all sincere. Thou who art a most gracious and a forgiving God, we beseech Thee, with a sense of unworthiness, to stimulate us each day with these abiding virtues. Be unto us a voice of that righteousness which is older than time and of that love which shapes eternal destinies. Keep, O, keep us from the torture and the tangle of an evil conscience and crown us with minds powerful and rich in knowledge. Heavenly Father, may our lives pour forth that charity for all men which is the livery of

heaven. Over these restless, eager, and vehement days, do Thou brood in wisdom and in peace. Amen.

Thursday January 18 1934

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, holy, holy is Thy name. Whenever man oppresses man, whenever any institution renders injustice, O God of the most liberal sky, be there; Thine arm make bare and Thy righteous will be done. We rejoice that Thy boundless mercy is the joy of heaven and the wonder of earth. Touch all hearts with the Golden Rule, which is superior to the teaching of the gods and to men. We trust that we shall never swerve from the chief purpose to bring comfort to the hearts and homes of the poor. We pray that our Government throughout all its future years may be the guardian of the unfortunate and the oppressed. In the depths of our illuminated and penitent souls do Thou combine in us radiant knowledge, the transforming spirit of Thy word, and all that is ennobling in eternal hope and honor and glory be unto Thee forever. Amen.



Friday January 19 1934

TO THE LIVING, loving, and eternal God we offer our tribute of praise. Impress us, our blessed Lord, that the devotion of a servant, the zeal of a prophet, and the love of an angel can be expressed in the humblest life. The equal eye of Thy glory knows neither great nor small, bond nor free. We pray that Thou wouldst shield us from ignoble ease, from the love of applause, and from the lust of appetite. In Thee may we find the strength and the aspiration to reach that high ideal that shall never mock us. Today let the stern precepts of duty be transfigured by the love we bear our country. In the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Saturday January 20 1934

OUR BLESSED LORD GOD, we pray that the kingdom of Thy grace may invest our hearts, thus enabling us to overcome evil with good. Resolutely help us to bring Thy precepts to bear upon every wrong impulse of our natures. In all our contacts may we cultivate the divine power and beauty of goodness. O arm us against the downward pull and arouse us with the upward urge. Heavenly Father, keep us very conscious of the sweet joy that comes when the spirit of the Master hallows our industry. O Thou who didst consecrate the workshop by Thy presence and glorified labor by Thy example, may we walk in Thy light—in Thy name. Amen.

Tuesday January 23 1934

INFINITE GOD, our Father, the Creator and Judge of all the earth; Thou who dost look with mercy on what we are and who reveals what we may be, we pray that Thou wouldst enable us to translate our visions into realities. Grant us largeness of thought, of aspiration, and of liberty. Heavenly Father, may our labors be made musical by the melody of brotherhood. Hearken, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that with hearts of oak and with breasts of steel our entire citizenship may be summoned in the name of humanity and of good government to cleanse our country of the breeding grounds of crime, which are our greatest public peril. O Thou who art holy and just, we plead for a recovery that shall free our Nation's arteries from these cesspools of iniquity from which come floods of terror, leaving broken hearts and shattered hearthstones in their train. O hasten the dawn of our deliverance. Amen.

Wednesday January 24 1934

BLESSED MASTER AND SAVIOUR, with love and longing we approach Thee; so often our peace wrestles with anxiety. Our highest thoughts, our

rarest tears, our holiest griefs, our divinest yearnings, and our tenderest loves are sanctified at Thy holy feet. This is the testimony which the tempted and the tried unite in giving in every age and of every creed. We come; put Thy hand upon us, O God, and mold us into the faultless embodiment of a splendid manhood. May we bend to the unfortunate and succor the weak; O let this be the liturgy of our lives and the outpouring of our hearts, and their throbs shall be a daily psalm of praise to Thy excellent name. Amen.



Thursday
January 25
1934

Most gracious God, Thou who dost prefer before all temples the pure and upright in heart, we praise Thee. With gratitude that cannot be expressed, we thank Thee for Him who knew no harshness and grieved over no bitterness though His earthly life began in a manger. O God, may the darkness of all lands fade before His glorified cross. When this day is done and gray grows the dawn, and the old sun begins to lurk behind tomorrow's door, be with us, blessed Lord. Keep alive the voices of our souls—the voices of memory of childhood's haunts, loves, and longings. O sound again the chords of a mother's love, and call back the tone of a father's, vocalized in prayer, hymn, and in benediction, and how sweet shall be our rest and how we shall thank Thee, our merciful Father. Amen.



Monday
January 29
1934

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, and may all hearts be full of response and generous impulse. Create in us a noble passion and a fine ideal of life. Thou art our Heavenly Father. Be Thou our full assurance, our quiet hope, and our brave endurance. While there are any sorrows left, while there are any yearnings unrealized, there is evidence of divine love that has not forsaken us. We

praise Thee for Thy all-restoring power. So long as there is a beseeching hand reaching upward, so long as it is striving to touch the book of the recording angel with supplicating tips of outstretched fingers, there Thou art with redeeming benediction for all who dwell beneath the skies. Be with us today, merciful God. If trials overtake us, let us not despair; if temptations meet us, let them not stain our souls. O let Thy hand be upon us and lead us to the heights of rich blessing and enlargement. Amen.

Tuesday January 30 1934

GRACIOUS FATHER IN HEAVEN, we are still folded in Thy deep memory. Back of our appeals, back of our needs, back of our tendencies, and back of our sins stands the glorified, reigning Lord. From the throne of the universe Thou dost bestow upon us marvelous blessings of life and light. O send Thy glowing pathways through the unseen realms of our immortal souls. Be pleased to enter into a new relationship with us. If any hearts are heavy, let a heavenly harmony possess them. Fate will then only deepen the current, pain will only sweeten the tone, and the yoke will only enrich the melody. This day keep us mindful of that wayside shrine, namely, the Golden Rule. Then at its close there will be nothing lost, nothing forfeited, and all things turned to their higher use. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday January 31 1934

AGAIN, MOST MERCIFUL GOD, it is Thy everlasting love that draws with unfailing mercy. Out of it bursts the revelation of the eternal. O may it minister unto us the needed lessons of humility. Even allow it to reproach our feverish impatience and our fretful spirits. Blessed Father in Heaven, cleanse us and be the ministering power that makes for righteousness and breaks down the barriers of selfishness; may our hearts burn against

all forms of injustice. Let Thy light fall upon our immortal souls that they may be like the dawn upon the hills of earth. We would unveil the cross and behold the mercies of God, the hopes of our land, and the joys which are to bless the children of time. O let Thy good come this way, the way of our country and the way of every man, until it falls like silver dewdrops from the heart of the Allfather. Amen.



Thursday February 1 1934

"I DELIGHT TO DO THY WILL, O MY GOD." Such was the language and the spirit of Him who was earth's sublimest teacher. Father in Heaven, may we not be satisfied until we have attained something of the same conscious surrender to duty. We pray that difficulty of task may be forgotten in the joy that it gives. Inspire us with fortitude and determination that our hours may be steeped in the atmosphere of patriotic zeal and service. Let visions and expectations be the forces urging us on to splendid achievements. Thy kingdom, O Lord, may it come. It is the very core of all things glorious, the secret of our national progress, and the goal of the ages. Be Thou a restraining, a renewing, a harmonizing, and a softening influence among us. Give us a deep realization that whenever purity of thought and uprightness of conduct are maintained all things of beauty, love, and joy shall follow. So may it be, our Father, in Thy name. Amen.



Friday February 2 1934

O LORD, OUR LORD, how manifold are all Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all; the earth is full of Thy glory. O may this minstrel of the Old World move our thoughts, uniting them in this holy chorus. We praise Thee that throughout the ages one increasing purpose runs. We would be still and know that Thou art God, the Almighty and the Everlasting Father. We pray

that Thou wouldst disclose unto us a goodly measure of Thy wisdom. We would have it direct us, filling us with understanding, working in us a living righteousness, kindling in us a burning charity, and inspiring in us a boundless hope. Father, help us to hold on each day, to the very best sense of our manhood, keeping it strong and clear, recognizing the claims of the public service and the obligations that we owe our times and place, and unto Thee be all the glory. Amen.

Monday February 5 1934

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER OF ALL GOODNESS and God of all comfort, we pray that Thy truth may be wrought into all laws and institutions. O God, the sea of human life rolls on. Forms change, generations come and go, but the mercy of the Lord endureth forever. We wait these moments at the altar of prayer; we open our hearts to Thee, that our severed love may be renewed and the broken threads of our faith may be gathered up. O strengthen us with that faith that satisfies our best needs and gives us power to produce the finest type of life. O bring us to that serenest life of faith which is permanent, which time cannot touch, and which belongs to the upper sphere. Ripen in us all good impressions and right tendencies. O Love Divine, hallow our hours with a spiritual background of brotherhood; shine through all words and blend all thoughts. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday February 6 1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, awake, asleep, in daylight and in darkness, Thou art our guardian angel, ministering unto us and revealing Thyself in abundant goodness and mercy. We come; we wait upon Thee in gratitude. Let us feel the silent power of prayer, learn its lessons, and know more of the quiet peace and comfort it gives. O deepen the

serenity of our souls, which are so conscious of Thy Fatherhood. Satisfy our skylark instincts, for they seek affinity with the sunlight of God. O make them tremulous with an inner glory. Do Thou regard with great favor our President, our Speaker, and the Members of this Congress. Give them wisdom and direction which shall enable them to pierce the thickest cloud that ever stretched across our country's sky. O Prince of Peace, spare the Old World from the ravages and the tragedies of war, which in its best estate is a wild forest fire that destroys the very country it would redeem and blights the force it would protect and cultivate. O continue to be with us for Thy name's sake. Amen.



Wednesday February 7 1934

BOW DOWN THINE EAR, O LORD, and hear us, for Thou art good, ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them who call upon Thee. Thou art our Father and we are Thy earthly children by a common bond. Before Thee distinctions and differences, whether of station or of creed, cannot stand; at Thy mercy seat schism cannot haunt nor plague us. We pray that from our daily lives there may go forth the sermon of human brotherhood, with all its universal needs and sympathies. To the holy things of life may we not be indifferent but responsive. O God, save us from allowing our souls to wither or grow barren of the fruitful things of the spirit. Heavenly Father, out of confusion do Thou evoke harmony, out of awkward voices let come sweet music, out of failure let there arise better creations, and out of affliction nobler lives. Lead us on, blessed Lord. Amen.



Thursday February 8 1934

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US. We thank Thee for the innumerable gifts of Thy holy providence. We pause in unspeakable gratitude

for the Prophet of the Golden Rule, who spoke to mankind from the lonely yet beautiful shoreline of Galilee. As there is an unanswered prayer and an unrealized dream in every breast, Heavenly Father, bulwark us with an unyielding faith; let not doubt or hesitation make their intrusions. Other men have labored and we have entered into their labors. So the fruits and the echoes of our work will live. They will roll on from soul to soul and from time to time. Gracious God, stimulate us with power to believe in the unseen, in the unattainable, and in the contagion of excellence. By endurance and foresight, by strength and skill may we meet obstacles with a song. Let these things teach us, our Father. Amen.

Friday February 9 1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, we bless and praise Thy holy name. Thou, whose infinite heart sends the blood coursing through the arteries of the boundless universe, condescend to our need, we humbly beseech Thee. Thou, who are mightier than the sun that walketh through the starry heavens, invest us with a tenderness bathed in wisdom and clothed with conviction. Be Thou the light that shows the way and that quiets restlessness and keep us from being under the dominion of care and trouble. Heavenly Father, lead us to renew the flagging spirits of men and refresh their starving souls. May we never overlook the marvels of the roadside and the divine beauty in common folk. We are all one and are interlocked in the comfort and welfare and the very life of our fellow men. The blessed Lord inspire us to be leaders and teachers of the humanities. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Saturday February 10 1934

O GOD OF WISDOM AND GOD OF MIGHT, to Thee we lift our voice in prayer. Sound once more the chords of Thy heart as we again breathe heaven-

ward. We pray that love and longing may be the pilots of our souls. In this moving world may we think benevolently of all men. The Lord remember all who have enduring qualities, the power to resist, the ability to serve, and who can endure hardness and temptation like a good soldier. Hasten the time, our Father, when the passion for wealth shall be subordinated to that higher and nobler passion for commonwealth. O Spirit of God, speak to us, lead us, guide us, give us truth and inspire us to noble deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday
February 12
1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, graciously bless our homeland, our dear homeland. Bring to us that deep realization that the finest prizes will be won by those who justify their right to be here. From the depths of our beings, expressing a firm conviction, enable us to perform our outstanding duty, namely, to recover the very soul of the Republic. In reverence, we bow at the bier of him who, in an hour when our land was swayed with fierce and stormy passions, there fell from his lips the immortal words, "With malice toward none and charity for all." His memory is a nation's heritage; he heightened the aspirations of all people of all countries; he became the exponent of all that is good and great in the being of man; he was as genuine as nature's self. Grant, our Heavenly Father, that from his memory there may echo the joy bells of a united country and the anthem of national justice and honor. O God, on this day may we hear the footfall of the millions now here and yet unborn, proclaiming a great America and a happy land. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
February 13
1934

O THOU WHO HAST AT THY COMMAND ALL THINGS, incline our hearts to have no other will but Thine. Heavenly Father, of every common need, every where and every day, be Thou the comfort of the sorrowing and the hope of the sinful. The past assures us, the present confirms us, and the future secures us in the faith that Thou art a good God and will go with us all the way. In our appeal we roll this scarred world at Thy feet. Oh, the blessings that Thy power and wisdom would fling over this troubled earth. The afflictions, how crushing and how overwhelming! In default of our own little understanding, be Thou our refuge. O God, in some way may its sufferings, its tragedies, and its wreck of human life be stopped. Through the dreary deserts of sin and suffering, do Thou, Heavenly Father, make a highway for the march of the emancipated peoples of all lands. Thine shall be the glory. Amen.



Thursday
February 15
1934

"GOD IS LOVE." It is in the inspiration of this deathless truth that all strength and virtue lie. In the moments of perplexity it is the merciful grasp of our Heavenly Father that holds and sends sunshine through the cloud. When we search after the Infinite One, we get fresh reason to believe that Thou dost hear all who struggle and aspire to the uplands of the soul. Adversity—when it comes—may it not be allowed to whiten our lips or chill our hearts. Blessed Lord, lead us to the Rock that is higher than I. Sweeten our spirits and permit nothing to contend with our peace of mind. O may we recall the height and the rapture and the passion of other days and cling to Thee. Thine arm is not shortened nor Thine ear stopped. With strength and hope and joy, in the power and pride of life, with work to do for men and praise to win for Thee, may we continue in life's joyous and daily path. Amen.

Friday
February 16
1934

Speak to us, Eternal Lord, and Thy guiding presence impart to all. We rejoice that Thou dost consider our needs and our limitations. Into the turbulence of this world do Thou cast peace, great peace. Oh soothe its distracted and tempestuous life. Almighty God, defeat the maddening forces that are eddying around it. We pray that the conscience of the world may get its bearings and that all panic-strickened peoples of all lands may find shelter and refuge in just and humane government, in which differences face and all harmonies grow more precious. Heavenly Father, continue to be with our own country. May it be made clean, wholesome, temperate, and beautiful, so that it will, indeed, be a light among all nations. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Monday
February 19
1934

O Eternal God, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, remember mercy. O Thou before whom the mountains tremble, the hills bow down, and the sun and the moon stand still in their habitations, we stretch lame hands to Thee. Heavenly Father, may all things be used for the one supreme divine event toward which the whole creation moves, namely, the exaltation of the Son of Righteousness in the hearts of men the world over. O Lord, we beseech Thee to be with us as we wait in this solemn presence. A brave and heroic people are groping their way in the deep shadows of a great affliction; they kneel, they weep, they pray; the starlight quivers as it falls from their nation's sky. O God of love, carry them nearest to the throne of the invisible and the heart of the Eternal. In Thy arms may we swing on through ignorance into knowledge, out of weakness into strength, and out of death into life. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday February 20 1934

Almighty God and our Saviour, too, we thank Thee that we are still folded in the eternal arms from whose embrace no fear, no evil, and no death can separate us. Enable us always to exercise that needful virtue which is the grace of patience, and bless us with heart renewals and with soul reinforcements. As the servants of a great people we pray and listen, like the prophet of old, with our faces turned skyward. Let us catch the deep and welcome undertone which assures us of a brighter and a better day. Gracious Lord and our Heavenly Father, let us not forget that the real significance of life is within. Oh, here is the sacred shrine! At this altar may we kneel, and here do Thou inspire in us the new chivalry that is to come and the new knighthood that is to be. Amen.



Wednesday February 21 1934

Almighty God, he conquers self who bows to Thee. We pray in the name of Him of whom it was said, "The poor heard Him gladly." In His eyes their grief was sacred and their helplessness an appeal to His sympathy. We thank Thee for Him; He blest aching hearts and gave lost men and women a chance in life, and baptized the whole world with His tears. Oh, it was divine love touched with pity, and looking up it smiled. Heavenly Father, chasten our hearts, and may we whisper His holy words and lisp His sacred name. Gracious Lord, remember all our fellow citizens who are in the wind-swept desert of need, sorrow, and loneliness. May we work for them, believe in them, hope for them, and trust them for Thy glory, for our country's good, and for our souls' sake. Amen.



Thursday February 22 1934

O Thou, the ever-blessed and living God, again we wait at the altar of prayer. Do Thou bless and sustain the inner harmony of our natures;

allow us not to be swayed by fierce and irritable passions. Solemnize us by the thought of God; enrich us by the friendship of our Elder Brother; and guide us by the presence of the divine Spirit. Heavenly Father, we wait; the past is with us. We breathe the deep emotion of gratitude in memory of him who sleeps on the banks of the historic Potomac. Oh, may his spirit bend over us in sacred benediction. We bow the head to the blessing of the immortal Washington. He heard the tramp of coming millions, and in a vision hour he saluted our generation. Almighty God, our country, our country; there is no vale but what has been consecrated by some patriot's prayer; there is no hilltop but has been dedicated by some heroic deed. Oh, freshen and deepen the wells of patriotic devotion in every section of the Republic. Do Thou hold all our fellow citizens to the strong realization that it remains for us to guard, strengthen, and enrich the institutions which a free people have received as a heritage for generations to come. We pray in the name of the world's Redeemer and Saviour. Amen.



Friday
February 23
1934

AGAIN, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou art a blessed Providence, manifesting mercy in rich abundance. May we rejoice in Thy loving-kindness and thank Thee for the precious gifts of life. We bear our country to the throne of prayer. Oh, let that glorious day come whose recovery shall be more than the tremulous twilight upon the hilltops. May it be a radiant splendor bursting from the noonday sun, lighting up the dark, discouraged, and remotest parts of every section. Compassionate Father, again the Congress is in sorrow; a fine and splendid type of public servant has fallen. Do Thou bend down under the great burden of the afflicted loved ones; may they rest in the sublime trust that He who made us will order

all things aright. Blessed be Thy holy name for all the treasures that are to be revealed in that hour when the day star shall dawn beyond the hills. Amen.



Saturday February 24 1934

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



Monday February 26 1934

AS CHILDREN OF GOD AND HEIRS OF ETERNITY, may Thy blessed spirit prevail among us—unite us, our Heavenly Father—and may our labors be established on a high plane. O reveal Thyself unto us as Thou didst to the prophets of old. Tell us Thy name and show us Thy glory. We would not resign ourselves to the eternal silence of the stars. Stimulate us to follow the code and the authority of the great Teacher of men, who took His own heartbeat, in the presence of human need, as the throb of eternal love. The Lord God endow with great wisdom and understanding all those who are clothed with authority; let all success include the poor and the unfortunate. Merciful Father, satisfy their necessities and their wholesome aspirations. Grant that the world above, the world around us, and the world within us may be so disclosed that we shall be very conscious of the renewal of strength and faith. Amen.



Tuesday February 27 1934

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, enlarge our hearts, teach us Thy word, and more and more give us the sign of the golden age. Thou, O Christ, Thou who art

the exemplar of human life, bless us with self-forgetful devotion. In the long sweep of past years success has been nothing but simple, patient obedience to the divine will. In the back of all minds and in the center of all hearts may there be the resolute desire to seek it; and when we know it, may we love to follow it. It is in Thee that we may find all that gives life its highest glory and its fullest splendor. Heavenly Father, make us stronger for our weakness, richer for our poverty, and happier because of some sorrow which seemed to shatter our hopes. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday February 28 1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, before whom the angels veil their faces and bow down and in whose presence vanity is shamed and abased, do Thou abundantly pardon us; show us how brave and big human life can be. Great responsibilities have been placed upon us, and we must bear them without fear. O crown us with courage, with desperate courage, and with the boldness of stubborn faith and fidelity. Enable us to seize our whole duty and let not difficulty or risk appeal to us. Help us in our tremendous tasks and break through any gray or lowering skies. Heavenly Father, put Thy mind into our minds, Thy heart into our breast, that in all things we may grow up into Thy thought, into Thy heart, and into Thy goodness. Descend into every realm of our country and bring those truths, influences, and hopes which can make them blossom as the rose and their fruit shake like Lebanon. Amen.

Thursday March 1 1934

O THOU, THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD, we thank Thee for life; it is so rich in mercy and so crowded with interest. Springing out of grateful hearts, we bring to Thee glad faces and happy spirits. We praise Thee that Thy encircling arms are ever watchful, strong, and very near. O free us from all illusions and vanities; root and ground us in

the precious realities of faith and character. Heavenly Father, lead us this day with willing minds, loving hearts, and with both hands. Captivate us by the thought of Thy majesty, power, and condescension. Great God, make us heralds of good news; let morning light glimmer out of fading dreams; help all who are in the songless valley of doubt and who are hungering for what they cannot say. In our prayer, O God, we beseech Thee that our whole country may be led to Thy holy altar; let Thy everlasting verities be sounded everywhere. Make the impure pure, the dishonest honest, the selfish unselfish, the mean generous; and all glory be unto Thy name. Amen.



Friday March 2 1934

WHATEVER WE MAY FEEL IN OURSELVES, blessed Heavenly Father, in Thy holy presence may we be conscious that we are safe and strong. Oh, that all may understand, if we desire emancipation, peace, and contentment, we must give ourselves to the cause of God and truth. Make it dearer to us than all things else. Thus every virtue becomes more radiant and every trait of true manhood more resplendent. Refresh in us good thoughts, give new strength to generous impulses, and stimulate the upward-seeking desire to sacrifice ourselves to the enthusiasm of humanity, kindled by divine love. Smother and starve any roots of bitterness that may be in us and help us to contemplate our work with calmness, confidence, and success. We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Saturday March 3 1934

O LORD AND OUR GOD OF ALL COMFORT, gentleness and long-suffering, bear with our limitations, teach us, and give us help. Renew and refresh our strength and persuade us that difficulties are the playthings of heroes, and may we not com-

plain. Here we would energize and fortify ourselves by prayer and supplication. O let us feel the breath divine. Take our errors, our pains, and our sins to Thy compassionate breast, and there may we find a place of forgiveness, harmony, and accord. O tell us, Heavenly Father, that there is a place where no eye weeps, no heart bleeds, and the feeblest effort at goodness receives support. We beseech Thee, blessed Lord, give us the power of a mighty faith to satisfy our hunger, a faith that climbs high, heaven kissed; then ours shall be a growth in wisdom, a growth in knowledge, a growth in courage, and a growth in love. Amen.

Monday
March 5
1934

MERCIFUL GOD, we rejoice and wonder at Thy infinite nature. Thou art the music that knows no discord, the beauty that suffers no blemish, the love that touches no limit, and the purity that excludes all evil; we linger here with hallowed hopes and hushed memories. Holy Spirit, whisper Thyself into our souls. Despising nothing, neglecting nothing, O minister unto us a sense of Thy nearness. Be Thou the purity of every stained life, the cup of water for every parched lip, the light for every starless sky, and the springtime of promise for every dreary winter of discontent. Gracious Father, teach us that patience, endurance, and fortitude are of the essence of the great and the heroic. O cross the horizon of our souls, inspiring, uplifting, and cleansing all within. In these sadly disordered times, Almighty God, come, O come and rule over this Congress, and may wisdom, understanding, and good government be the trumpets of our victories. Amen.

Tuesday
March 6
1934

O FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, help us feel that the life of our fellow man is a part of our own; unite us to him by a common center, and

may we experience his burden as our burden, his joy as our joy. O give us the charity to ever champion his rights. Send Thy Spirit to make us ready for the duties of this day and gladden and strengthen us within. Do Thou increase the power of our resistance, our faith, blessed Lord, so that trifles or obstacles may not disturb us, may not annoy us. Intensify our love for our country and for its wonderful traditions. We praise Thee that Thou hast a crown for the uncrushed soul, a wreath for the unwithered heart, and a laurel for the undimmed love for Thee. Heavenly Father, above all these things, let us feel eternity in our hearts, and then we shall step bravely through the gates of time, and Thine shall be the everlasting glory. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

Wednesday
March 7
1934

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, the One above all imperfection and above the touch of sin, hallowed be Thy name. We praise Thee that there is always an unwavering light, namely, Thy merciful providence. When faith is dim and hope is low, in the dearth of rest and in the defiles of doubt, at evening time and when the day is far spent, lo, Thou art with us. O continue to look upon us with divine favor; lay Thy hand upon us and bear Thy shadow in our souls. We thank Thee for the rays of the morning promise and for the cloudless sky of assurance. Illuminate our understanding, O Lord God; balance our judgments, season our tempers, and quicken our foresight. Give us pitying hearts that shall sympathize with human woe. May we feel the need of the weary, the pulse of the struggling, and the burden of the homeless. In these stony places of human experience establish Thou our work. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday
March 8
1934

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY BE UNTO THEE, our Heavenly Father. Love and mercy never pass by the boundaries of Thy heart. As we tread the crowded pathways of life lead us, we pray Thee. May we be converted to humility, to self-sacrifice, to unfailing kindness, and to the love that casteth out fear. Earnestly persuade us that the finest type of manhood lies not in outward honor and glory but in the hidden soul. There is no work so great and so high as the creation of character; all other things are dim and stationary. Almighty God, the judge of all men, be with the whole race of humankind; cleanse its dark and forbidding passageways and stop its thundering cries. Come Thou, O come to our own country, to our President, our Speaker, and this Congress; O make them abundantly equal to every emergency. May they bind up wounds and not make them, may they quench the fires of war and not kindle them. Blessed Lord, give us all that power that lifts us above all wrath and revenge. In the name of our divine Elder Brother. Amen.

Friday
March 9
1934

"GOD WITH US." Grant, O Lord, that everyone in Thy presence may have some token of Thy thought of him and feel the divine blessing. O may it be the inspiration of nobility, carrying us upward and onward to an immortal destiny. Heavenly Father, thrill the imagination and inspire the enthusiasm of men who are disinterested in those institutions which make safe their property and secure the peace of their firesides. Almighty God, fire them with the fervor of patriotism, with the sense of loyalty, and with the power of great moral qualities. Put Thy hand upon them, their ability and their time, and say to them: "The earth is the Lord's, the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." Give liberty to all who are in bondage and to all who are chattels; and may all lives be made sweeter, happier, and more fruitful. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday
March 10
1934

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, as the sons of God, we rejoice in that Name which is above every name; the name of wonder, uniting the sweetest virtues, the gentlest manners, the purest wisdom, and the truest love ever known to man. Blessed Lord God, we thank Thee. By Thy grace enable us to bear everything that will do us good, everything that will make us greater, and everything that will enlarge the landscape of our lives. O keep us from immoderation of desire and from all wrong motives. We most earnestly pray Thee that we may be spared from the saddest experience of earth, namely, in which aspirations are prostrate, in which splendid purposes have fallen like broken columns, and hopes lie dead. Heavenly Father, be our light in the darkness, our friend in loneliness, our bread in hunger, and our guide in each critical emergency. In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Monday
March 12
1934

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his convenant and his testimonies. For Thy name's sake, our Father, pardon our iniquities and remember them against us no more forever. In the circumstances of difficulty, of arduous duty and severe temptation, give us strength to fulfill our obligations, revealing mastery, action, and sympathy. Heavenly Father, redeem all perverted things—life distorted, pleasure beguiled, time wasted. These are so vital to the efficiency of character. O bring them back as they were in the golden age when God walked in the garden. Because we are what we are, because we love Thee and are enraptured by the thought of Thy glory, O may we just be good in ten thousand ways. We pray that all our public acts may be penetrated by one spirit, connected by one aim, and ruled by one reigning purpose, namely, love for our country and our fellow men, and praises be unto Thee forever. Amen.

Tuesday
March 13
1934

OH LORD, OUR LORD, as destinies hang on our labors, bless us with the spirit that leads us to the shadow of the Most High. With Thy guidance we would put on a cheerful courage. Herein is the victory that overcomes the world, the grace that resists every evil influence, and turns to advantage every vicissitude of life. Look into all hearts and bring peace and give succor to everyone according to his need. O Spirit of God, create an illuminating inspiration upon all minds and keep us turned toward the invisible realm of our Heavenly Father's kingdom. Do Thou fill all minds with glowing conceptions of Thy truth and wisdom. Be unto us always a God of patience, of abundance, of forbearance, of forgiveness, and a God of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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BLESSED LORD AND ONLY SAVIOUR, we rejoice that Thou art back of human appeal and human response. Thou dost crown the path where once we failed; Thou dost brighten the day where once we wandered; Thou dost bless the labor where once we fainted; and Thou dost complete the journey where once we halted. Glory be unto Thy name, O Lord Most High. We praise Thee, our Heavenly Father, that when heart and flesh have been weary with the heat and burden of the day, Thou hast been the haven of comfort and rest. Do Thou bestow blessings of happiness and peace upon all humanity and may it be guided and administered by men of truth, honor, and unselfishness. Heavenly Father, make us all increasingly better and wiser, and each day may we strive toward an expanding estate of a newer manhood. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday
March 15
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THOU WHO ART A LOVING AND A LIVING GOD, hear us as we wait at the mercy seat of prayer. Bestow upon us the blessing of Thy holy presence. Not

only dost Thou fit us for the duties and the emergencies of life, but more than these, Thou art the spring of all moral influences. Each day enable us so to live that our conduct may be helpful and of good report. In many ways may we give wholesome expressions of that fullness of life which comes from the touch of the unseen power. Heavenly Father, allow us not to be satisfied with anything but the highest and the best. Almighty God, be Thou the supreme will in the current of human history, and be the power behind the purpose that sweeps us on, as a great people, to a glorious destiny. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Saturday
March 17
1934

HEAVENLY FATHER, be pleased to hear us as we fix our eyes upon the stars instead of on the streets. We beseech Thee to make this day memorable in cooperation, peace, and brotherhood. Bless us all with that music which comes when love flows in. Allow no treacherous desire, clinging pleasure, or cherished possession to keep us from the fulfillment of that responsibility which has called us to this Chamber. Take us and make us a power for good in the lives of others. Hold us, blessed Lord, to the realization that every good deed becomes a stone in that immortal temple which is awaiting us in the morning of eternity. Almighty God, open self-clouded eyes, wherever they are, and bless them with vision, good will, and mutual understanding. Bring peace, wonderful peace, to our whole country. O let it penetrate the mists of controversy and let it touch and brighten every industry. Merciful and All-Wise God, write it in letters of divine illumination across the sky of every section of our Republic. Gracious Father, may the resounding echo of "the good news" that was first proclaimed on a far-away shore and committed to the winds of Galilee come in Heaven's blessings upon all peoples. Amen.

Monday
March 19
1934

TEACH US HOW TO LIVE, our blessed Heavenly Father. Today is our own; we thank Thee for its providence. O Spirit divine, plead with us that we may have sweet and understanding minds. With clear seeing and straight thinking, let us fulfill the obligations of our great calling. May our thoughts respond to Thy thoughts—harness our purpose with Thy purpose and key our desires to Thy holy will. Impress us that a benevolent heart is more rewarding than self-interest and allow not dreary selfishhess to be the prison of our souls. Almighty God, lead us just now to consecrate ourselves at the altar of our country. O clothe us with the spirit of dedication that crowned and made memorable our forefathers in the establishment of the cause of good and righteous government in a new land and in a new world. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday
March 20
1934

BREATHE UPON US, O Spirit of Christ; pervade us and guide us to wise decisions. Do thou nourish us with believing hearts, together with goodness, patience, and fidelity. We pray that we may be uch servants of the public that our characters hall count and tell for great moral forces. Heavenly Father, it is Thy presence that gives a new turn to our thoughts and smoothes away the care and perplexity that often sit upon troubled brows. Thou, whom we must love and obey, point out to us the supreme obligations of the twofold commandment on which hang the law and the prophets. Almighty God, Thou who art over all, do not leave our country in this hour of perilous crisis; allow it not to fall a victim to selfishness and ungoverned passions. O subdue jealousies, obstinacies, and hot-tempered natures of whatever station or rank and save the day for country, home, and peace. Amen.

Wednesday March 21 1934

CALMLY our souls look up to Thee, O God. We pray that Thou wouldst reveal unto us the riches unseen. Persuade us to realize that life does not consist in the things we possess but rather in the thoughts we think, the motives that sway our actions, the ideals toward which we press, and in the God whom we make our own. Merciful Lord, always keep open the gates that we may front Thy stainless throne. Consider and hear us, Almighty God; be at the conference table with our President these momentous days. May men not face one another with sullen eyes. Break down all barriers of differences and let there be no thought of faltering until there is born a new order of fraternity, good will, and brotherhood. Heavenly Father, regard us this day with favor and spare us from anything that might keep us from hearing and loving the divine strains which breathe a heavenly melody into our souls. Amen.

Thursday March 22 1934

IMMORTAL LOVE, we wait on Thee with open hearts. Thou, who art the inspiration of all truth and the wellspring of power, do Thou minister to this Congress. O show us the Prophet of the Golden Rule, sitting in holy meditation on the beautiful shore of Galilee; rule our conduct by His wonderful teaching. Heavenly Father, deepen the serenity of our souls, and may it drive bigotry out of minds and selfishness out of hearts. When the strain and stress of labor are most severe, enable us to reach the highest accents of faith. O give our aims the highest possible elevation. At the close of the day, having been held by the fetters of care, may we seek some sanctuary that shall soothe the feverish pulse which the day has excited. Let the day be a sweet memory and tomorrow a radiant hope. In the holy name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Friday
March 23
1934

INFINITE AND ETERNAL GOD, Thou who didst call the universe into being, ordered its forces, and started its creations, bear with our infirmities. As Thou art the source of all wisdom, the inspiration of all good thoughts and noble endeavor, nurture in us willing minds and understanding hearts. We praise Thee that it is Thy goodness that calls us to rejoice rather than to complain, to accept humbly and to use righteously Thy unspeakable blessings; lift us, gracious Lord, to that high level from which our hearts shall move irresistibly toward righteousness. Oh God, grant that we may never be caught in the uncontrolled eddies of unrighteousness. Almighty God, expand and enrich our national ideals, direct our country in the solution of its unsolved problems, and dispel all earth-born clouds wherever they cast a shadow. Amen.

Saturday
March 24
1934

ETERNAL GOD, in whose loving arms we dwell and in whom are gathered our hopes and aspirations, hear us in this sacred moment. Be pleased to strengthen and bless us with the rapture of mutual confidence. Gracious Father, allow nothing to corrode the sanctities of friendship. We recall our personal frailties; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. How clear becomes our vision of the helplessness of man and the necessity of divine grace. We rejoice that there is a loving Father on the throne of the universe; we beseech Thee to come and condescend to our need. Let not the successes of life exalt us, its ambitions dazzle us, its cares agitate us, nor its sorrows crush us. Be a guest in any home whose cup has been broken at the fountain and at whose hearthstone there may be heart-aching folk. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Monday
March 26
1934

O GOD OF WISDOM and our Heavenly Father, too, reveal Thyself to our thoughts by breathing upon us the spirit of good will and cooperation and by relieving us of any fear or discouragement. All

things shall be made plain when we are in Thy presence. Come forth, blessed Master, as a messenger of a good day, and may we open our minds to appropriate Thy teaching. May we all rejoice that we are heirs of a common salvation, children of a common Father, and as servants of the public; may we be bound together by a common aspiration. We beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us this day without sin and steadfast in all good works to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.



Tuesday March 27 1934

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray in the name of our Blessed Saviour, who has given us forever the holy conceptions of Almighty God. It is faith in Thee that broods and nourishes the strength that does believe in the unattained. We pray that love and longing for the very best things may be the pilots of our souls. Inspire us with those high moral standards of the Master, which are designed to revolutionize the world. Let them direct our conduct, give clearness and certitude to our holy faith. Heavenly Father, touch the desires behind our thoughts, the inclinations behind our resolutions, for out of these spring the sources of life. Bless our homes, their altars, their libraries, and hold them in the unbroken and the unbreakable clasp of everlasting love. Amen.



Wednesday March 28 1934

Almighty God, we praise Thee that behind the ebb and the flow of this ageless world is Thy spirit, which cannot die. The material things will fulfill their function and pass away, but the thought of man is higher than them all. Because we are Thine, made in Thy image, be with us in our aspirations; prevail at every point to make Thy counsel stand; correct the false and strengthen the weak. O let our finer instincts attain suprem-

acy, and nourish in us the genius of heavenly love and power. Holy Spirit, be in us a purer and a diviner flame; may we have the qualifications of true workers for God and humanity. In the love of God, in the grace of Jesus Christ, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit may we have the satisfying and the abiding sweetness of life. Amen.



Thursday
March 29
1934

Almighty God, draw near to all who need wisdom and direction; throw thy light upon all the scenes of our lives and give good cheer to any who may sit in darkness. Heavenly Father, Thou dost call us to a life of service without pride or fear, without self-will or murmuring, and it requires obedience to Thy holy will and law. Do Thou arm us with the might of conviction, with the sternness of principle, and with constancy of purpose. O help us to seek and to strive for the supreme gifts of life, namely, a peaceful conscience, a pure heart, and a clean character. Blessed Lord, we rejoice that behind Thee there is supernal glory and with Thee there is all the fullness of beauty, mercy, and love. O God, we wait; we pray in reverent humility as we approach the dark of Calvary's Cross. Oh, may be we bow down and feel the sovereignty of the uttermost depths of divine love. At this altar of heaven's and earth's utmost sacrifice, every sin of human experience is condemned and every inspiration that saves flows from our Saviour's breast. O Immortal Love: it tempers the fiery law, in it faults are forgiven, sorrows are borne together, and struggles are shared. Oh, let the whole earth move toward its majesty and power. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monday
April 2
1934

Almighty God, we praise Thee that Thy heart is on the side of every man who needs divine love, divine pity, and mercy. In the center of all

power, whence issues that which controls all law, and in the midst of all wisdom is a heart full of compassion. O draw near to us, for Thou dost understand us better than we ourselves. Spread Thy wings, that under their shadow we may be secure. We thank Thee that Thou art revealed by Thy love in the glory of the whole human family. We rejoice that Thou dost minister in the household of the ages. O may the whole family be moving in the stream of divine influence, making society better, the race better, our country better, the world better; O may it run through the channels of all the earth. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

(The remains of the late Representative Pou lay in state in the space in front of the Clerk's desk; the following prayer was offered:)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

HEAVENLY FATHER, renew in us the spirit that cleanses our divided hearts and deliver us from all self-assurance. O speak through our thoughts and direct the counsels of our meditations. Almighty God, our hearts are bathed in emotion as we wait in loving reverence in memory of one whose superb character and wise statesmanship have contributed so richly to our beloved country. He knew her history, he had learned her lessons, and he loved her institutions. All life is richer for him having passed this way. Grant that the influence of this noble son of Thine may live and remain an incentive to those of us who follow on. We are thankful that his strong will was ever tempered by his mighty charity, which flushed his placid face with an indescribable charm. Heavenly Father, we bless Thee for a life so beautiful in faith, so full of devotion, and so full of renown. How we rejoice that on Easter morn, when the clouds and darkness that had clustered about the

morning star of hope had faded into a new and glorious day, the heavens opened and his pure white soul became immortal. Comfort all bereaved ones, his colleagues, friends, and lead us all in peace up the hill-slopes of time. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Tuesday
April 3
1934

O Lord, our God, from whom cometh all goodness, wisdom, and mercy, as we realize our dependence on Thee, write in our hearts, more lasting than on the tables of stone, that which is above the value of wealth, ambition, or personal glory, namely, virtue, honesty, and integrity. O may we know that there is nothing in all the world warmer than love, purer than virtue, and stronger than faith. We pray, our Heavenly Father, that these graces may live and grow in all our daily conduct until they shall shed a telling influence along our pathway. Blessed Lord, Thou who art the sum of all things conceivable in gentleness and in sweetness, in purity and in truth, be a living power in our souls through faith and love, and unto Thee be praises in a world without end. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Wednesday
April 4
1934

Heavenly Father, we would be silent in the Lord. Verify Thy promise unto us: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. May we abide in waiting and find our joy and our power in the heights. Let us not doubt these moments, but doubt gloom, depression, the perverse, and the crooked creatures of despair. Let Thy glory grow upon our vision; determine and establish our goings this day. We pray, our Heavenly Father, for our country. Soothe the distresses of want and poverty and mitigate the pangs of hunger and hardship. Direct this Congress to so labor that these days shall be signal tokens of divine providence and fatherly care,

ordained for the good and happiness of all. With us, O God, allow not evil thinking or wrongdoing to become devouring habits that shall scorch and burn the furniture of our souls. O strengthen our moral muscles so that they cannot be broken by any temptation which may assail us. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.



ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who dost pervade and control the ministries of the universe, help us ever to believe that prayer can set in motion those ministries which will loosen sin, shield weakness, and bring us into healthy freedom. Heavenly Father, deliver us from any mental confusion and crown us with the faculty of calm discretion. O lift us to those spiritual heights where loftiness of thought and feeling shall be our sweet assurance and our best defense. Stir our remembrance of the little things of daily life; it will make larger room for God, and by them we get clearer glimpses of a forgotten and a neglected world. O light of Life, convey that spiritual energy to our souls that shall enable us to follow the gleam. Live in us, speak through us, and govern our words, and secure us against the failures of yesterday and the fears of tomorrow. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday
April 5
1934



ETERNAL AND EVER-MERCIFUL GOD, we are not safe in our own wisdom, in our own virtues, nor in any power in us but in Thy guardianship and in the plenitude of Thy love and mercy. We confess Thy sovereignty and invoke Thy presence. Heavenly Father, open the doors of our understanding and give light and direction to the highest forms of our moral sense. Help us to see the luster of those graces that will bring us into fellowship with Thee. Hear us, gracious God; discharge any malign elements that may be in our thought,

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subdue the old nature, and bring into ascendancy the new man. O mold our characters by the invisible touches. Holy Spirit, incite us, equip us, and make us eager to go forward and to follow on, to know Thy will and serve our country. In quiet submission to Thee, let there come to each of us a sweet calm, which bears in its bosom a new life, a new hope, and a new strength for this day. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday
April 10
1934

Infinite Spirit, we know that Thou art the High and Holy One before whom the angels and the archangels veil their faces saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God, Almighty." Heavenly Father, read our hearts; they feel emotions which are unutterable and cannot be spoken. We praise Thee for the measureless sweep of Thy merciful providence. We rejoice that Thou hast said, "The sun shall not smite Thee by day, nor the moon by night." O Love Eternal—no mortal tongue can reach and the stretch of our imagination dies away in wonder. At Thy holy altar may we surrender ourselves to Thee, and may our dedication to the cause of our fellow men be complete. May we help folks who have been disfranchised of their right to rest, peace, and joy. Bless all happiness makers whose tongues carry sweetness and sow contentment along their way. Keep us from those sins that bruise the soul. Heavenly Father, deal patiently with us and ever allow dreams and visions, ideals and expectations to supply the forces that urge us on and on to final triumph. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Thursday
April 12
1934

Our divine Father, Thou whose heart throbs with yearning and who waits to forgive, let in Thy light, whose splendor streams through the countless windows upon this old, rugged world. Show us

Thyself that we may see ourselves. We thank Thee for divine love touched with pity. Oh, the blending of majesty with sympathy, of strength with gentleness, of passion with repose, of perfection with sinful, sorrowing men. Blessed Lord God, how inaccessible Thou art; yet we see Thee in our Saviour's compassion, which arches over all, like a rainbow from sky to sky. Heavenly Father, sustain us in our daily circumstances and experiences. Be with us, bravely fighting, nobly living, patiently suffering, and joyfully climbing, all because we live. Glory be unto Thy holy name. Amen.

Friday April 13 1934

Thou who art the All-Father, infinite in the treasures of mind and heart, we rejoice that we are Thy children, that our conflicts are not unwatched, that our struggles are not unrewarded, and that our sorrows are not without sympathy. We thank Thee for that one face that stands fully revealed; it is the face of Him whose name is above every name. Without Him the brightest day of human life would be dark, all music would be a dirge, earth would hold only one color, and joy would pass into an eclipse. O God, we have been appointed to a great task. May we spend our hours in gallant, self-sacrificial service, and thus prove ourselves worthy of such preferment. O keep in our minds that there is only one ambition, and that ambition is to do Thy will by promoting contentment, peace, and happiness in human hearts and homes. In the name of the Saviour of men. Amen.

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O Thou, our Heavenly Father, whose heart is love, whose face is light, and whose bosom is sympathy, be not silent unto us. Let the purest and the most unselfish conception of Thy mind and heart be given us, and out of it may there grow a wonderful ministry in the service of our country. We as-

semble again in this memorable Chamber; we have been entrusted with a great commission. O let a thousand chords of memory be struck, arousing in us the deepest sense of duty and responsibility. Almighty God, we pray that truth, justice, and righteousness may be established at this historic center, and it will be a long, long step to the redemption of our whole land from sea to sea; lead the way, O God, and when the evening bell rings, in sweet resignation, trust, and happy hope, may we bow our heads in gratitude to Thee. We pray in the name of Him at whose feet the wealth, the learning, and the prowess of the world have knelt in homage. Amen.



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April 18
1934

ETERNAL GOD AND OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee for the great souls of the past who have bowed at the altar of prayer. Here they found courage and guidance that opened the way for nobler living and larger achievements; we pray for renewal of strength. In the realm of clearer vision may we find our delight and health in the channels of service. Heavenly Father, let us not be consumed by the fever of living or exhaust our vital energies in endless stress and strain. Just put Thy hand upon our hearts; speak to us, and may we be smitten with the finer issues of life. O breathe Thy sweetness and rest into our souls. Allow hindrances and obstacles to become the luminous points for our victorious spirits. Blessed Lord, we pray for our people; bring their lives through the deeps up to the highest levels of plenty and happiness. For their sakes may we take pleasure in necessities and distresses. As we serve them, may we make a highway of joy straight through the deserts of want and and privation for every man, woman, and child of every section of the Union. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday
April 19
1934

O SHEPHERD DIVINE, ever present to guard and to guide us in the ways of upright living, we praise Thee that there is healing in the hem of Thy garment and comfort in the merciful glance of Thine eye. We pray Thee, our Father, that the issues of our daily conduct may please Thee and satisfy our highest hopes and longings. Just now we wait for that divine touch that shall enable us to hold our course amid the exactions of our responsibilities. O keep the sacred fires burning on the altars of our natures until our colleagues and friends shall feel the impulse of spiritual and moral earnestness. We rejoice, Almighty God, that Thy bosom is recovery, that Thy long-suffering is infinite, and that Thy love is all-conquering. Amen.

Friday
April 20
1934

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. Out of the depths, Heavenly Father, where the purest affections and the sweetest emotions have their birth, we appeal to Thee for help and guidance. This day allow nothing to come between us and the light. We do not pray for easy ways, but we do pray that we may be strong men with powers of understanding to meet our tasks. Bless us with a most helpful measure of grace, and may we be rich in wisdom, faithfulness, and sincerity. May we ever cherish ideals as the travelers of old cherished the stars, and keep their guiding light radiant and high above the dust, the clouds, and the mists of earth. Heavenly Father, establish in all breasts the secret of a good, useful life which is never to allow our spiritual and mental powers to become stagnant. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Saturday
April 21
1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Heavenly Father, establish Thou our ways to observe Thy

statutes. Do Thou renew our wills each day and blend them with Thine. Arm us with jealous care and with that faith that works by love. O Son of Man, break through everywhere for Thou art the personal, the tender, and the last possible dream of our All-Father. Animate us to the cheerfulness of duty and service by giving us a joyful sense of our daily blessings. May we look upon the hopeful side of circumstances and maintain the spirit of contentment. We pray Thee, that we may be so clothed with fortitude and whatsoever may be our duty, O keep the music singing in our souls. We rejoice that there is guidance for each of us and by lowly listening, we shall be led aright. Amen.



Monday
April 23
1934

Almighty God of the ages past, enable us to abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. Thus may we hasten the extension of Thy kingdom in human minds and hearts. We fervently pray that it may grow and become widespread wheresoever man is found. O keep us this day without sin, and may we experience in our own hearts the triumph of good over evil. Grant, our Heavenly Father, that our entire citizenship may be so united, so closely and fraternally bound together that war, strife, or rebellion among us may be forever impossible. Keep us, merciful God, in the peaceful, quiet, and happy pursuits of life which bless those who wait upon the Lord. Oh God, may the sword of enmity, the sting of envy, or the sharp weapon of hatred never put their cruel and destructive edges to our souls. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday
April 24
1934

Blessed Lord, hear our prayer; give ear to our supplications. Thou art so good and Thy mercies are over all Thy works. May we be made men of the knightly spirit, laboring for the things outside

of our own desires and taking chief pleasure in lowly service for others. Keep before us the truth, namely, no one is our enemy unless he makes us hate. Oh, may that arch foe never enter the doors of our souls. Heavenly Father, inspire us with the spirit of the Great Teacher, which produces the finest type of life, the most persuasive endeavor, and resolves the discords into brotherly harmonies. O God, keep us from presumptuous sins, which so often cause good intentions to dwindle into small proportions. We earnestly pray that the ministry of this Congress may be most fruitful for all our people throughout our country. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

Wednesday April 25 1934

BLESSED BE THE LORD OUR GOD, beneath whose mighty hand we bow. We rejoice that to those who come to Thee with hungry hearts Thy help is revealed; those who come to Thee with humility will find Thy yoke easy and Thy burden light; and those who come with penitence will find Thy mercy like the broadness of the sea. Heavenly Father, give us a growing conception and appreciation of the divine law whose seat is in the bosom of the merciful God. Brighten our ideals, that they may rebuke past sins and lend inspiration for the future. We believe that the Man of Galilee is the purest and the most radiant Teacher of the ages. Father in Heaven, encourage us to follow His example, to help the helpless as He helped them, to bear their burdens as He bore them, and in the cool of the evening may we find our way to some secret place and pray as He prayed. Amen.

Thursday April 26 1934

O THOU, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, so fill us with Thy radiant Spirit that we may see and magnify the good in the lives of others. May we honor it; may we rejoice in it and try to

imitate it. Teach us, Heavenly Father, however turbulent outward conditions may be, to maintain inward calm. O ever keep us conscious of our birthright, as Thy children, that our actions and purposes may be filial, fraternal, and loyal to Thee. This day may we so put our trust in Thy fatherhood that old hurts will be relieved, anxious forebodings will be dispelled, self-assurance will be merged into the Divine will, and self-direction will yield to Thy leadership, and Thine shall be the praise forever. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour, we pray. Amen.



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April 27
1934

GRACIOUS GOD, OUR FATHER, Thou who art the creator of every good thing, lay Thine hand upon us and bless us. Take from us the anxiety of a selfish mind and the unfruitfulness of cold affections. Grant, our Father, that all who are distressed may hear Thee whispering, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." As we pass through life may our hands be outstretched and our hearts warm to succor those who may need help and encouragement. At the close of this day give us, blessed Lord God, the sweet consciousness that we have been a little closer to the Heart Eternal. In our Saviour's name Amen.



MEMORIAL SERVICES

ETERNAL AND EVER-LIVING GOD, OUR FATHER, we art met by common impulse to do honor to those servants of the public whose achievements have become a part of our Nation's history. We are grateful that their memory remains and that its influence becomes a benediction. We entreat Thee, our Father, to glorify this service by the presence of the Holy Spirit that we may be exalted, ennobled, and purified. We rejoice that we are born to a higher destiny and that there is a realm

where the rainbow never fades. Strengthen us that we may cling to our faith; it will stand by us in the dying hour, in the flood, and in the dark of night. Grant, O Lord, as we look today into the future, may we have a heart for any fate that is unaffected by either laughter or tears. We pray Thee that we may pass from glory into glory until we are transformed into the complete image of the Divine. In this solemn moment we pause. Thou Saviour of the world, we beseech Thee, give sweet rest to these who are in the shadows of grief and crown their souls with the simplicity of Thy truth and love. O walk with them and give them the answer to their longings until they kneel with their loved ones at the feet of God. Merciful Father, hold us all and help us to stand in the morning, in the noonday, in the evening shades until the end, and then let heaven's morning break. Saviour Divine, we are pilgrims; be with us through the storm, through the sea, and through the waves until we reach that land that is unwet with the tears of human sorrow, where we shall not see through a glass darkly but face to face. In the name of our glorified Redeemer's name. Amen.

Monday
April 30
1934

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD; with true hearts may we bend ourselves at the altar of prayer. To Thy will may we be true and live in fellowship with our fellow men. By our knowledge, or in our station, forbid, Heavenly Father, that we should become indifferent to their necessities. Do Thou encourage in this Chamber the sentiment of brotherhood; let it work freely and gladly in all directions, alleviating any imaginary or real difficulties. We pray, blessed Lord, forgiveness may take the place of retaliation, sacrifice in the place of indulgence, and union the place of rivalry. Help us to magnify Thy mercies in the spirit of gratitude. Hearken, our Heavenly

Father, when peace and contentment wrestle with worry and anxiety, strengthen us with the higher joys, which are heavenly and divine. Amen.



Wednesday May 2 1934

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Thou who hast not set a limit to the richness of love, to the power of self-sacrifice, nor to the sublimity of purity, redeem us by the hallowing grace of our Saviour. May we have a growing capacity for the moral life with its exalted standards. In the highest reaches of character, blessed Father, let us experience the satisfactions of a godly life. Let not our labor be just a simple compliance to duty, but an eager impulse which touches the spring of fidelity, honor, and honesty. Thou God of our people, Thou shepherd of the roadside, guide us in all our uncertain ways. O breathe upon us the breath of the sanctuary, and may Thy name be known, loved, and honored among us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thursday May 3 1934

Heavenly Father, we praise Thee that in Thy presence there is fullness of joy, at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Only as we cherish high and holy thoughts of Thee do we find a permanent rest to our souls. We thank Thee for Thy brooding love and care. Forbid that we should look on a daybreak without it quickening us to new endeavor; let it always mean to us a new-born opportunity. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" We rejoice that this is the song of the angels, or archangels, and of all the heavenly hosts, the song of the hovel and palace, the theme of mighty anthems, the prayer of inspired masses and of the hearts of Thy appealing children. We entreat Thee, Eternal One, to hold before us this vision of a

holy God and crown our souls with that unmatched power that makes for righteousness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday
May 5
1934

O GOD AND FATHER OF OUR SPIRITS, bend low over all hearts and lift upward the fragments of our humanity. Let us hear Thy beating heart as we breathe: "Emanuel, God with us." Heavenly Father, we pray that The Divine One may form Himself in every soul. Hold us all to that deep and abiding realization that it behooves us to be watchful, energetic, and enthusiastic in the devoted service of our country. Almighty God, The Creator of heaven and earth, human nature in its needs and emotions is one. The heart speaks a language that is heard everywhere and the voice of the soul makes every tongue immortal. O let the whole earth come to its ripeness and more and more may it learn to love and obey Thy laws. Keep it back from the sins of violence, of cruelty, greed, and avarice. Bind every section of our country together in the bonds of brotherhood and may the peaceful victories of all industry lay a crown of rejoicing on the brow of the Republic. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

Monday
May 7
1934

HEAVENLY FATHER AND SAVIOUR OF MEN, we unveil the Cross and behold infinite love struggling of expression; how red is Thy heart and how full of mercy are Thy hands. Thy authority needs to be enthroned in every walk of life. How strong and sovereign is the manhood that breathes through Thee. Illuminate our minds and cleanse our hearts from all guile that we may be one with Thee in thought and purpose. Be Thou the ground and the pillar of our strength; be Thou the cradle song for every child of Thine; be Thou heaven's purity that cleanses every stained

life; be Thou the fadeless flower for every weary breast. O be Thou the springtime for every dear heart clouded with the winter of discontent, and all glory be unto Thee. Amen.



Wednesday
May 9
1934

Most Gracious Lord, we rejoice that Thy glory fills the heavens and the earth; Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains; Thy judgments are like the great deep. We praise Thee for Him who is the light for the world's dark, and where He abides gloom cannot tarry. Heavenly Father, sometimes our zeal takes the place of our judgment; sometimes our desire displaces our better understanding; sometimes our egotism causes us to be unmindful of our need, and we wander aside. Blessed Lord God, may we see ourselves. Do Thou broaden our moral culture, and may we be truth-loving and full of honor. Inspire us with the very best intuitions, and may we be prompted by the noblest purposes to engage ourselves, with the utmost enthusiasm, in the wisest course for our people, whom we serve. We pray in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday
May 10
1934

Eternal and most merciful Father, how grateful we are that we have in Thee the source and the divine disclosure of all those virtues by which we live and by which the home and friendship survive and man is redeemed. We pray Thee that we may control any pride which lifts us above and out of any sympathy with others. O lead us to stand for the rights, the dignities, and the honors of our fellow men. Blessed Lord, subdue those lower faculties, appetites, and passions which make discord in our country. Deliver all men from the sternness, the restraints, and the rigor of winter, and bring them into the joy of spring and the promise of summer. We entreat Thee, our Father, that we

may live and labor for liberty, for the prevalence of happiness, and for the diffusion of noble ideas. We praise Thee that some day we shall know how full and glorious is that truth—"The memory of the just is blessed." Amen.

Monday May 14 1934

REMEMBER, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, for they have been ever of old. Strong Son of God, immortal love, make us partakers of that strength and tenderness and of that glory which Thou dost have with the Father. May we seek ardently deeper truth, clearer wisdom, and purity of heart, mingled with might and mellowness. In the spirit of diligence, honor, and helpfulness, may we fulfill our tasks, securing contentment and welfare for our fellow citizens. We praise Thee that all the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday May 15 1934

THE LORD GOD IS A SUN, the source of all good; and the Lord God is a shield, the defense from all peril. Therefore, we wait before Thee. O Spirit of God, summon us to acts of generosity couched in understanding and make us true and strong to conquer. In every situation lead us to do the things we know we ought to do. Heavenly Father, may thought and purpose be translated into terms of life that spell uprightness, determination, and conviction. Merciful Lord, in these hectic days fortify us with serenity, assurance, and penetrating insight that shall bear lasting fruitage and appeal to the patriotic sentiment of our country. Each day let goodness, kindliness, and charity arise from characters that are altogether worthy, and unto Thee be praise forever. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thursday
May 17
1934

ONCE MORE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, through Thy loving providence, we have the promise and the hope of another day. Out of the mercy of grateful hearts, may we thank Thee. Come Thou, Almighty God, and reign over us. We rejoice amid the perils of life; we are safe not in our own virtue but in Thy guardianship and in the plenitude of the Father's love and care. The stress of circumstances, the conflicts of temptation, the burdens of duty, bring heavenly teachings out of the clouds. We pray for a courageous faith in God, a steadfast trust in Him, our Saviour. In these great qualities of soul there is a compelling expectation. Gracious Lord, bless the truth, winnow it, that the pure and the good may remain an abiding reality and a sweet memory. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Sunday
May 20
1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Lord of lords and the King of kings, and our Father too, whose life-giving currents course through the breasts of all men, we calmly wait at the altar of prayer. At Thy footstool we reverently acknowledge Thy sovereignty. We praise Thee that Thy merciful providence reaches to the ends of the earth. We pause today, as lovers of liberty, to breathe the deepest sentiment of gratitude. Heavenly Father, glorify Thyself in this service as the heart of the Nation is touched by the fidelity of soul and the loyal cooperation of a renowned son of another soil. He toiled valiantly to help seal the destiny of the New World. Thou who art "The Ancient of Days", richly bless the two great Republics, whose representatives are assembled in this service. May the ideals of free government, peace, and fraternity float on and on over the happy, prosperous union of these great peoples. Upon the breath of our prayer, we entreat Thee, Oh God, to let Thy light shine through all lands, inspiring good will and brotherhood the world over. Do Thou bless and

enrich the Church universal and let the glory of the Lord be established in the souls of all nations—through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen.

Monday May 21 1934

MERCIFUL GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, help us this day to fulfill the duties of our station; to bear any annoyances or trivial irritations; to put kindly construction on unkindly acts; to give of our best to the least; to love even the ungrateful. Enable us to do these things not for the praise of man but for the extension of Thy kingdom in human hearts and homes and for the sake of our Saviour, whom we love, and all praise and glory be unto Thee forever. Amen.

Tuesday May 22 1934

OH THOU, WHO HAST LIGHTED LIFE AND DEATH, earth and heaven, and art the lamp of all, we breathe again Thy holy name in prayer. We thank Thee that Thy arms are as encircling walls amid the problems and perplexities of life. May we trust Thy Fatherhood, in whom there is all the freshness and richness of wisdom and mercy. O bathe the very depths of our souls and make radiant any dark passageways of experience. This day sustain and support us with the abundance of Thy evergrowing power, leading and teaching us and shedding Thy presence upon our pathway. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday May 24 1934

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, countless are Thy witnesses. The numberless stars are but a little part of them and the prayers and the aspirations of the hearts of men will never cease to praise Thee. Humbled amid Thy manifold glories, may we find a blessed assurance in the simplicity of the Galilean Teacher. Heavenly Father, hasten the time when man shall love Thee as Thou has loved

the world and when the sword and the spear shall be made into the plowshare and the pruning hook and the desert shall blossom as the rose. Strengthen us for the work of to-day; help us to do it faithfully, cheerfully, and courageously, and may we be counted worthy in Thy sight and have the just approbation of our fellow citizens. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monday May 28 1934

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, Oh God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.



Tuesday May 29 1934

MERCIFUL GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, may our faith in Thee be strong and may our hopes lead us to brighter and happier days. Make them vivid, distinct, and free from obscurity and uncertainty. Let them be illuminating, expanding our lives and giving a new meaning to our activities. Be gracious to assure us that all things work together for good for those who put their trust in Thee, who are right in purpose and are unselfish in the things they seek. Heavenly Father, bless the homes of the officers and the Members of the Congress. We entreat Thee to hold us all in Thy hands, in which we may rest without fear. In the dispensation of Thy provi-

dence, prepare us for whatever awaits us, and praise and glory be unto Thee forever. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

Wednesday May 30 1934

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pause in Thy presence with grateful testimony for Thy loving providence, which is a river of blessing flowing from under Thy throne. We beseech Thee to let this stream of cleansing purify, enlighten, and idealize our national life. Do Thou appeal to that instinct of recovery, to that temper of hope which Thou hast established in every human breast. This day of memory, blessed Lord, may be one of consecration to the United States of the Republic. Draw every section of our land toward a more complete knowledge of righteousness, fraternity, and brotherhood. Graciously be with our President and with every citizen of every station. Blessed Lord, may our institutions not fail through our misuse of them, and because of our sins against God and man. Oh God, let this truth be emphasized: There is no wrong that may not be righted and no industrial strife that cannot be solved by free obedience to our Christian institutions. O do Thou lift our people higher and higher into that sweeter and purer air where peace and tranquillity dwell, and where fret and fever pass away. A heavy hand has been laid upon us in the removal of another distinguished Member of our congressional family. Comfort the family in that love which encircles us all. Amen.

Friday June 1 1934

BLESSED GOD, OUR FATHER, we thank Thee that by our yearnings and longings and manifold needs we wait at the altar of prayer with grateful hearts. Thou merciful One, by Thy wise guidance, make it easier for us to be good, virtuous, true, and generous. Life, with its unmatched con-

ditions and circumstances, is filled with perplexities, whose history lies within the soul, never to be read until they are read in the Book of God. When success is turned into misfortune, our Father, may it not embitter us. Having done all, help us to stand. In the school of experience enable us to be patient, believe in Thee, and be trustful to the end. Gracious Lord, let Thy grace ripen all of us to peace, hope, and joy, and that with outward liberty there may come the more abundant liberty of the soul. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Monday
June 4
1934

Gracious Lord and only Saviour, Thou who dost hear our sighs, count our tears and whose hand in on the breaking heart, wilt hear us when we pray. We rejoice that love made the world; love is in the world and love will triumph in the end. We thank Thee that to this conclusion came at last the Spiritual Teacher of the Old World when He said: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him, for He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. Heavenly Father help us to grasp this eternal truth and may we praise Thee that it is as stable as the Rock of Ages. Forgive us the sins we once cherished as we lift our hearts in prayer for the Father's compassion. Engage us to follow in the train of the Galilean whose teachings ever war against selfishness, injustice, and sin. In the Master's name. Amen.



Saturday
June 9
1934

Almighty God, Who fills heaven with His presence and majesty and glory and from Whom love never goes out, we pray to Thee. We thank Thee that the goodness of the Lord is our portion forever. Thy words that have seemed as vanishing as the perfume of a dying flower prove eternal. Should we fail of the blessing that the whisper of the Lord is with them that fear Him, forgive and help and

come with us. O river of God, flow along our pathway; go about the places where our feet stray and add twilights when the splendor of the west lingers in the open sky. Blessed Heavenly Father, we are in the throes of sorrow. One of our circle has left us in all the plenitude of his personal honors. He yielded pride, vanity, and leisure—everything except honor and truth, fidelity and friendship. O God, reason sometimes staggers—do Thou support us. O Thou whose throne is mercy, whose face is light, and whose name is love, comfort the loved ones in this their darkest hour. Smite the black shadow and the iron fate and count them as Thy beloved children until they, too, fall asleep in the arms of perfect peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday
June 11
1934

O BISHOP OF OUR SOULS and Shepherd Divine, Thou of the crozier and the cross, let us start this day with gladness and hope of heart. We pray that every today and every tomorrow may bring us closer to the truth of the Ancient of Days. Heavenly Father, for the sake of the good that now is, help us to pass to the better that is to be. Guard our Nation against causes of failure, for quite unconsciously do people lose the great qualities of soul. Almighty God, hold rich man and poor man, statesman and private citizen to the sense of self-control. With heart and brain may they give themselves to sacrificial, unselfish devotion to those institutions that have made the Republic the friend of all men. Most graciously be with our President these hours and days; crown him with strength and wisdom; and may the pilot wheel of Government ever turn with liberty and justice for all, and may our flag be kept floating toward the morning sun and the evening sunset. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Tuesday
June 12
1934

O LORD, OUR GOD and our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Him Who took little children in His arms and loved them until they smiled out loud. In the light of His teaching may we understand that we are not in the world to inherit, but we are here to be benefactors of our fellow men. May the divine spirit grip us to the farthest limits of our souls. Thou hast told us that all the commandments are packed into one: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself. Almighty God, get to the human conscience that a man is a man's equal anywhere on the planet and has a birthright to heaven and eternity. Oh, the tragedies of the world—the crash of arms, the black nights that never come to morning, and the helpless cries that never come to a human ear. Lord God of Hosts be with us yet lest we forget, lest we forget. Amen.



Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.

Wednesday
June 13
1934

OUR FATHER, MAY WE ALL REJOICE in Thy wisdom. Thou hast said, "My words shall not pass away." O God, may we heed them. They have come down through the ages, through the world's tears, through the world's laughter, through the world's conquests; and let the earth now say, "His words cannot pass away." The sky, the land, the mountain, and the sea shall pass away, but not, but not the word of the Lord. O my heart, O your hearts, let us love His words, so that we will have something to keep forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday
June 15
1934

AGAIN, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, the spirit of thanksgiving is in our breasts and the words of praise on our lips. We thank Thee for Him whose name is "Wonderful" forevermore. It expresses the utmost grandeur of spirit, beauty of character, and magnanimity of life. O God, let it be our happy lot to bear this supreme designation; inspire us, help us to live up to our name—a name that can be spoken above a whisper without apology under all the conditions of well-organized society. Blessed Lord, forbid that we should be tempted by fashion or pleasure, but being true to ourselves we cannot then be false to any man. Take away from us the guilt of sin, satisfy the conscience, and bless us this day with the sense of forgiveness and peace. In all things may we be just and sympathetic, generous and enthusiastic in the service of all things good and wise. In the blessed name of our Saviour. Amen.