

A PRAYER NO ONE SHOULD MISS

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In case you still don't know what is wrong with this country, please read the following prayer by Rev. Joe Wright, who was called by a Kansas state legislator to deliver an opening prayer at the Kansas House of Representative. The prayer is like "the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness does not understand it," (John 1: 4). Therefore, during the reading of the prayer, some representatives felt offended, and one or two of them walked out or sat down to protest. They called the prayer "divisive, sanctimonious, self-serving, and overbearing." But favorable response was overwhelming with thousands of phone calls and letters to Rev. Wright's church, and the prayer has been reprinted in hundreds of church newsletters and other publications, and is available on the Internet with comments. This is indeed a prayer that all true Christians should pray.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance, We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great State. Grant them your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the name of your Son, the Living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen !

