



Prayer of Grand Chaplain, John Askin, D. D.
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Almighty God, of Whose righteous will all things are, and were created; Who liftest the islands out of the deep – and preparest not in vain the habitable world; Thou has gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters, and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness; and let not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts reverent in the use of freedom; just in the exercise of power; generous in the protection of weakness.

With all Thy blessings bless Thy servant the governor of our beloved state; fill his heart with such loyalty to Thee that the people of this commonwealth may be exalted by their loyalty to him. To our legislators and counselors give insight and faithfulness; that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how thou hatest robbery for burnt offering; that the gains of industry may be all upright, and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times, and our deepest trust be in thee, the Lord of Nations and the King of Kings.

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