

Prayer for the U. S. House of Representatives

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10:00 am

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Let us pray:

Almighty God, the focus of our adoration, the hope of our salvation and the source of our strength. In this immense hall for which the reverberating echoes of great men and women have raised their voices for the cause of justice, liberty and equality, we pause to surrender to Your sovereign authority.

We invoke Your presence. We petition You for wisdom. We await Your effectual power!

A nation looks to this deliberative body to be a voice for the voiceless, help for the hurting, and inspiration for the weary. Give us courage for our times. In this season of celebration help us to see the transformative light of faith that transcends the things that divide and help us to hold fast to those universal principles that unite.

God may our motives, words, actions, and love define us in these our defining moments. By Your grace and according to Your will.

Amen.