



LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

March: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

So Help Me God

On April 30, 1789, George Washington stood on the balcony of the Federal Hall in New York City. At noon, he placed his right hand on a Bible and repeated the words of the oath of office taken from the United States Constitution read by New York Chancellor Robert Livingston:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

He then added the phrase, "So help me God."

Since then, those words have been repeated 46 more times by each succeeding president as he started his term in office.

These words are good words, powerful words, words that describe and proscribe the duties of the President.

In 1789 there was much discussion on the title and duties the new leader of the Executive Branch would assume. John Adams lobbied to have Washington titled, "His Most Benign Highness," while a congressional committee suggested the less royal one of "President of the United States."

The men who have been elected President of the United States have led the American Republic uninterrupted from its inception until today. They have been the Commander in Chief of twelve wars and many smaller conflicts. They have signed bills and enforced laws that brought equality, prosperity, and expansion to the United States. They have represented the United States at countless ceremonies, dinners, and functions. They have addressed the nation, the Congress, and the media to inform, instruct, and inspire the American people. They have been vilified, maligned, praised, and honored by individuals, political parties, and the press.

All this they have done after speaking the words, "So help me God."

It is now Donald Trump's turn to be President of the United States.

Let us resolve to offer prayers on his behalf, corporately and privately.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty asks for your partnership in praying that God would grant the president wisdom, courage, strength, and peace. Let us also pray for the president to be a leader who works for the common good and who is guided by God's will.

Let Us Pray:

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Father, Bless the leader of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth.; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord, grant the President wisdom, courage, strength, and peace. We pray that he be a leader who works for the common good and who is guided by God's will.; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Encourage:

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for those people and organizations that comprise the Executive Branch of the United States government: the President, Vice President, Cabinet, and other federal agencies during the month of March.

Not only do we ask that you would pray, but that you would share this prayer request with your family, friends, neighbors, and congregation.

Please see:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/designation-of-acting-leaders/>

for the list of positions as of January 20, 2025.

The LCRL would like to share that you are praying for these people. We plan on informing them that there are many people praying for their ministry. In order to do that, we need your help.

Please let us know the name(s) of the Executive Branch people you prayed for AND the number of people who prayed. For example: if you pray with your family of 3 for President Trump, please send us the count of 3 for President Trump. If you publish a prayer request for the Secretary of Education in your church bulletin and pastor prays with 234 people in attendance, then use the number 234 and that you prayed for the Secretary of Education. Please count all numbers and send them by March 31, 2025.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NUMBERS TO:

LCRLPray@gmail.com

Please feel free to personalize this bookmark with the name(s) of the organization(s) that you will pray for in January, cut it out and keep it in your Bible for handy reference.



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV

