

Faithful Citizenship

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With the constant vigilance over separation of church and state, you would think that no one in political office was allowed to pray publically. However, lots of United States Presidents have prayed for guidance in their decision-making as well as their efforts for peace in the world:

George Washington: "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to... entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens...."

F. Roosevelt: "So we pray to Him now for the vision to see our way clearly—to see the way that leads to a better life for ourselves and for all our fellow men—to the achievement of His will for peace on earth."

D. Eisenhower: "...Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race, or calling. May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory."

R. Reagan: "Today, we utter no prayer more fervently than the ancient prayer for peace on Earth."

G. Bush (41): "Heavenly Father, ... Make us strong to do Your work, willing to heed and hear Your will and write on our hearts these words: 'Use power to help people.' There is but one just use of power, and it is to serve people."

Separation of church and state means only that government shall not impose a religion upon the people. It does not eliminate God from governance.

Gotta go boot up my hard drive.

Aloha-MaryB.