

INAUGURAL PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE COME TO THIS PLACE AT THIS TIME TO ASK YOUR BLESSINGS UPON OUR GOVERNOR PETE WILSON FOR THE SECOND TIME, AS THE LEADER OF OUR GREAT STATE AND IT'S PEOPLE.

WE HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU DIRECT HIS MIND AND HEART, THAT HE MAY EXERCISE THE RESPONSIBLE DUTY OF SERVING OUR STATE WELL. GRANT THAT THE EFFECT AND RIGHT ISSUES OF HIS CHOICE MAY PROMOTE YOUR GLORY AND THE WELFARE OF YOUR PEOPLE WHOM HE SERVE. GIVE HIM, WE PRAY THEE, THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM, COURAGE, UNDERSTANDING, SYMPATHY AND TRUE GODLINESS YOU REQUIRE OF YOUR ORDAINED PUBLIC SERVANTS.

WE PRAY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, THAT WE MAY ALWAYS PROVE OURSELVES A PEOPLE, MINDFUL OF YOUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE FAVORS; WHO ARE GLAD TO DO YOUR WILL.

WE PRAY, O GOD, THAT YOU WILL BLESS OUR STATE WITH HONORABLE INDUSTRY,

SOUND LEARNING AND PURE MANNERS. SAVE US FROM VIOLENCE, DISCORD AND CONFUSION; FROM PRIDE AND ARROGANCY, AND FROM EVERY EVIL WAY. DEFEND OUR LIBERTIES, AND FASHION INTO ONE UNITED PEOPLE THE MULTITUDES BROUGHT TO OUR STATE OUT OF MANY KINDREDS AND TONGUES.

WE ASK A SPECIAL BLESSING, O GOD, FOR OUR FIRST LADY, GAYLE. WE THANK YOU FOR THE STADFAST SUPPORT SHE HAS GIVEN HER HUSBAND, OUR GOVENOR. WE PRAISE YOU FOR MAKING HER AND THE GOVENOR, FIRST THE EXAMPLE OF WHAT A UNION OF LOVE, PEACE AND HAPPINESS IS ALL ABOUT. THROUGH THE YEARS TO COME, MULTIPLY YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THEM.

WE PRAY FOR OUR GOVENOR'S CLOSE ASSOCIATES, THAT THE ADVISE GIVEN THE GOVENOR IS NOT JUST ADVICE OF EXPEDIENCY - BUT THAT WHICH ENVELOP YOUR BASIC PRESENCE OR WHAT YOU REQUIRE OF US, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, LOVE, MERCY AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOU, OUR GOD.

O GOD, MAY THIS BE THE BEGINNING OF THE GREATEST DAY IN THE GREAT GOLDEN STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

IN OUR GOD'S NAME, WE PRAY.

AMEN.

