



The Lord's Prayer

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matthew 6: 9-13

Let us pray for Akron City Council that God would grant them wisdom and understanding that they are in need of His help to execute their offices as council members, and that our tradition of prayer before City Council needs to be reinstated, that, in the words of Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, "I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning."

George Washington, at his Inaugural address in 1789, stated, "The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."



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On Monday, October 15th, Akron City Council recited the Lord's Prayer for the last time. The prayer had been part of their tradition before every council meeting for the last 55 years. In response to a threatening letter from a group calling itself Americans for the Separation of Church and State, the council has discontinued the practice of reciting the prayer, after being advised in executive session by city attorneys.

OCA, along with the Alliance Defense Fund, a legal organization that works on First Amendment Issues, has been advising the City on its Constitutional right to continue the practice of prayer. We are here tonight to pray for Council and to let them know that the residents of the City of Akron do desire that prayer continues as part of our religious heritage before Council meetings.

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