



Sovereign God, we praise you for all that you have made  
and thank you for your watchful care over all creation.  
As the seasons change we marvel at the order and constancy of nature.  
We are filled with awe when we stop long enough to notice  
the beauty in our yards and parks and the fields around us.  
Along with everything that has breath, we would praise your holy name.

We are grateful for all the signs of your blessings to us:  
We thank you for words of encouragement that lift our spirits when we are low  
for fresh insights that come to mind when we're faced with difficult decisions  
for colleagues who challenge us to think and work at our best  
for friends and family who keep laughter and love in our lives  
We thank you for your calling to serve the people of this state  
and to serve purposes larger than ourselves.  
We pray that you empower us to persevere in good works  
when the tasks seem interminable.

We unite our minds and hearts to pray  
for the governor and for all those who serve in elected office,  
here and around our state, and for all who serve as staff.  
Give them the energy and the dedication,  
as well as the courage and the foresight to provide for the needs of all our citizens.

Direct our deliberations and decisions in this Senate  
that a spirit of wisdom and fair play, and the virtues of justice and truth,  
may be the standard for all we do here.

Bless our commonwealth with involved and informed citizens,  
and with prosperity that extends its benefits to people of every class and color.

O God, as we acknowledge our dependence upon you for life and all its blessings;  
as we acknowledge our dependence upon you for strength and guidance;  
so we also acknowledge our obligation to you  
to be good stewards of the powers entrusted to us.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign over all,  
giver of wisdom and grace. Amen.

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