



*The following prayer was  
offered by Pastor Stevens for the  
Lehigh County Bar Association  
2012 annual meeting.*

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have so ordered the world  
that not only are there laws of nature  
but woven into the very fabric of the creation  
there is a social and moral order as well.**

**In your presence we are humbled to know  
that the people in this room are entrusted  
with responsibility within that order.**

**We pray for our colleagues who are officers and board members,  
that this Association always may be a positive instrument  
for the advancement of the profession and for the practice of law.**

**We pray for one another,  
that however much attention we must give  
to the pragmatic and practical details of our work,  
that we never neglect our higher calling as stewards of justice for all.**

**We pray for our judges, that your Spirit may attend them  
in the courtroom and in the study,  
and that they may be guided by wisdom and compassion  
as well as by principles and precepts.**

**Gracious God, we ask that you honor us with your presence,  
in the blessing of food and in our fellowship;  
and grant us a sense of renewal of purpose  
as we learn and laugh together tonight. Amen.**