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> Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the  
> opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some  
> people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the  
> Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is  
> what they heard:

> "Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to  
> seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those  
> who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost  
> our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that we have  
> ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism.

> We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.  
> We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.  
> We have killed our unborn and called it choice.  
> We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.  
> We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building  
> self-esteem.

> We have abused power and called it politics.  
> We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.  
> We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it  
> freedom of expression.  
> We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it  
> enlightenment.

> Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin  
> and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to  
> direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the  
> name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ.

> Amen!"

> The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the  
> prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev.  
> Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those  
> calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international  
> requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa, and Korea.  
> Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest  
> of the Story," and received a larger response to this  
> program than any other he has ever aired.

> With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and  
> wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one  
> nation under God."

> If possible, please pass this prayer on to your friends. "If you don't  
> stand for something, you'll fall for everything."