

*Remarks for the
Mission Mississippi Governor's Prayer Breakfast
May 2, 2003*

- Recognize Dolphus Weary, Lee Paris, other dignitaries
 - Welcome Pat Morley / Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner

- Pleased to welcome our guests to Mississippi, and all of you to this special event

- All of you here this morning already know what Mr. Morley and Dr. Williams-Skinner are learning
 - Mississippi is a special place

- This is a place where people embrace each other
 - Where organizations like Mission Mississippi make a difference in people's lives
 - Where we share common hopes and dreams for our future
 - Where our greatest promise and potential is found within our people

- We also share a love of God and thankfulness for the gifts he has given us
 - We have an obligation to use those gifts wisely

- Also have an obligation to help those who need our help the most
 - That's why focus is on education, on jobs, on health care, on public safety
 - Committed to ensuring the needs of the people of Mississippi are met

- You all know that isn't always an easy task
 - None of us can do it alone
 - Important to know where to go for help

- I pray every day for the strength to do my job
 - Ask God for wisdom, patience, and humility

- Prayer has to be more than just talking to God / must be willing to listen
 - He knows much more than we do
 - Sometimes we need to stop talking and just listen to what he's saying
 - Pay attention to where he's leading us

- I believe he's leading us to a brighter future
 - We must be willing to sacrifice and work for it
 - Reaching it will take a common effort

- Want to thank Dolphus Weary, Lee Paris and the members of Mission Mississippi for being part of that common effort
 - Thank Mr. Morley and Dr. Williams-Skinner for being with us today
 - God bless you
 - God bless our time together and our time apart