

To the committee of enquiry concerning parliamentary prayers,

Please recommend against the suggestion that public prayers be omitted from the start of each Senate sitting day. These prayers not only reflect our Christian heritage but, to the extent that they are genuinely expressed, are effectual in inviting God's blessing upon Australia. As 1 Sam 2:30 says, "Those who honour me I will honour, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

God is sovereign over the affairs of men and it is right that the Senate acknowledges that each day.

Yours faithfully,