

Dear committee of enquiry,

Please recommend against the proposal to abolish prayers at the beginning of each Senate sitting day; because to recognise our dependence upon God and ask for his guidance is actually the most important of all parliamentary business.

Senators need to ask God's guidance and blessing on their important work for that day because, as Proverbs 14:34 makes clear, our nation's continued prosperity depends on this: 'Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.'

Therefore it is vitally important that these prayers are retained and that more Senators are encouraged to genuinely avail themselves of this time of sincere prayer each morning.

Yours sincerely,