

Please accept our submission to the inquiry:

We pray that the committee will recommend against the latest attempt to remove the Lord's Prayer and the prayer for God's blessing from Senate procedure.

The 'separation of church and state' is sometimes used as justification for such a move, but it is completely baseless. The Australian Constitution prevents the Federal Government from establishing a state church, but this does not at all imply that Christian theology shouldn't shape our laws or have a central place in the public square - that was never the intention of the drafters of our constitution.

So, we urge the committee to recommend retaining Senate morning prayers. They are not only an important part of our heritage, but it is imperative for the future well-being of our country that individual Senators and the Senate as a whole publicly honours Christ, recognising that all authority on heaven and earth has been given to Him, and to ask for His continued blessing and guidance over our country.

Yours faithfully,