



## Prayer for Our Public Servants

This past January 19 I was honored to serve as a guest chaplain for the Minnesota Senate, giving the opening prayer for the day's session, which I have reprinted below. It was a rewarding experience and a great privilege. If you feel led to do so, I invite you to amplify my prayer for our legislators by making it your own. May the Holy Spirit inspire your prayer for our public servants.

*Fr. Jim*

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit, believing in your wisdom and goodness, conscious of our struggle to understand rightly and to decide wisely. But trusting in your help, we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.*

*As civic leaders in our community, do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Make us wise stewards of the public trust and the public treasury. Give to each of us a spirit of right judgment, mercy and fidelity that we might discern those things most important to human life and the common good.*

*Look kindly upon our families and dearest friends, those who inspire and support us as we serve the public good. Grant a special blessing to them who mean so much to us.*

*Keep us faithful to all that is worthy of your holy name. Amen.*