

City Council Prayer

October 28, 2010: Lem Taylor, Sector Chief of Tulsa Police Department
Chaplaincy Corps:

May we pray? ***Most Holy Father***, we just come to you this evening and we pray for Tulsa, Father. We pray for joy, peace, and unity, Father. Father, as I pray this evening, I pray, I lift up our Mayor Bartlett. We lift up each and every city council. We ask that there be peace and joy in their heart. Give them that peace, Father. Give them that joy. And Father, I pray that as they make decisions for us in this city, that it be done with the righteousness in their heart. I pray that each one of them feel peace in their areas, and that they do what you help assign them to do, Father. And Father, help them be all that you would help them to be. And Father, be careful to give you all the praise. ***In Jesus' name we pray***. Amen.

October 14, 2010: Danny Lynchard, Chief Chaplain of Tulsa Police Department
Chaplaincy Corps:

Our ***Heavenly Father***, what a privilege to live in a country where our prayers may not only be heard by our god but by the very civic leaders that direct our path into the future. We ask your benevolence upon them because they not only allow but encourage us as citizens to pray for them regularly, in our homes, in our churches, in our hearts and in a public forum. In ancient days they would be found sitting at the gates of the city listening to the crisis and the cries of your people; and today, they sit in more comfortable surroundings, but with no less meaning and even greater magnitude. So Father, we ask your spirit to descend upon them this evening and grant them the peace that comes from hearts that have searched your will, from reason that has put aside personal preference, from eyes that have sought to see through your own and hands that reach heavenward to receive your wisdom so that you may work for them, for your people. And ***it's in your name we ask***. Amen.

October 7, 2010: Darren Thomas:

Dear ***Heavenly Father***, we thank you for this opportunity that we have to come before your throne today. Father, we pray for our leaders, for our council members here. We ask that you give them wisdom beyond their years, father, to made decisions for this city. We thank you for the opportunity that we have to live in such a wonderful city, and we pray your blessing upon this meeting and upon these leaders. ***In Jesus' name***. Amen.

September 23, 2010: Pastor Ron Carner of Restoration Church:

Shall we pray? Father, we thank you today for your goodness to us. We thank you that you allow us to live in this city. We're grateful for the council that we have here in this city that has taken a responsibility to guide and direct our city. Thank you, Father, for all individuals that have assumed a job to make Tulsa better. So would you bless and have your hand upon these men and women, and would you just guide them and fill them with wisdom as they direct us to those places that we need to go. *In Jesus' name*. Amen.

September 16, 2010: Rod Harris, Chaplain of Tulsa Police Department Chaplaincy Corps:

Gracious and sovereign God, I thank you for this gathering tonight. I thank you for what it represents: the free assembly of a people for the purpose of giving input to the government leaders, the exercise of our freedom granted by you and recognized by our founders. I thank you for these who serve our city. I'm grateful for their sacrifice and their willingness to serve under difficult circumstances. I pray that you grant to them wisdom and discernment. I pray that you grant to each of them the courage of their convictions and the grace to accept and acknowledge their limitation. Theirs is a difficult task, their [unintelligible] of the welfare of our city and all of our people. May truth, justice, and equity guide all of their decisions. May grace and mercy temper their deliberations, and may they choose wisely what is in the best interest of all the people of Tulsa. I pray for those who address this council tonight. Grant to each of them clarity of mind and heart to speak their peace with passion and conviction. May their voice be heard and may their concerns be justly considered. I pray that all that is done this evening may be done for the good of our community. *In Jesus' name*. Amen.

September 2, 2010: Frank Murphy:

Father God, we thank you for giving us this day, Father. Father, we thank you for allowing us to come together one more time, father. Father, we ask you to bless this meeting today, Father. That thy work that be done here, Father, be done by grace and [unintelligible] by sight. And these things we ask of you *in your son's name* as we pray. Amen.

August 26, 2010: Bob Feist, Senior Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church:

Let us pray. *Heavenly Father*, we thank you for the beauty of this day. We are grateful for all that you have provided for us in it. We're grateful for our families, for our community here in Tulsa, and for your equipping this council for leadership and the business at hand. We ask your blessing on all the work of this

body. We know that the efforts overseen here are many and varied and important. Give us wisdom, courage, faith, hope and love as we work together to represent our constituencies. Tend to the business of the city and help to make our community a better place. *It's in the name of Christ Jesus I pray*, and we all say Amen.

August 19, 2010: Jennettie Marshall, Chaplain of Tulsa Police Department Chaplaincy Corps:

Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to come together tonight. *God*, now we ask that your presence be here, felt in this room, that decisions be made according to your will and yours alone. Touch and give all the knowledge and wisdom of heaven. *In Jesus' name we pray*. Amen.

August 12, 2010: Reverend Jim Stilwell, Singles Minister of Christ United Methodist Church:

Let's pray. *Dear God*, we just thank you so much for this beautiful day that you have given us. And *Lord*, we thank you for the blessings that you give us each and every day. *Lord*, we thank you for the council and the dedication they have to this wonderful city of Tulsa. We ask that you give them wisdom and courage to make sound decisions for Tulsa. *Lord*, we ask that everything that is said tonight glorify you. *In Jesus' name we pray*. Amen.

August 5, 2010: Danny Lynchard, Chief Chaplain of Tulsa Police Department Chaplaincy Corps:

Our *Heavenly Father*, there are times when our ships are sailed into the harbor of heaviness, and it is there where we take inventory of our commitment, affirm our future and resupply our fortitude. Grant us the wisdom to see our weakness and the insight to see your strength. May our pursuit of truth be fueled by faith, guided by grace and rested upon the road of righteousness. Grant our leaders the freedom of being true to their hearts so they may be at peace with their person, the people they serve and the god that guides them. Grant forgiveness to our citizens. When we judge hearts, we cannot see intentions, we cannot feel, and decisions where we are denied all the facts. We thank you for our leaders, and let them know we look to them to follow you, and we look to you to empower them for such an endeavor. And it's *in your name* we pray. Amen.