

Prayer read by Rev. William White , Prior to John Sergeant's Eulogy to Charles Carrol, as Delivered at the request of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia on December 31, 1832

FELLOW CITIZENS, We are assembled to pay a tribute of respect to " a lately deceased statesman of our national republic. ' While this is a reasonable dictate of gratitude to him through whose instrumentality eminent services have been received; it ought not to be without acknowledgment of the source of the benefit, in the bounty of the Supreme Bestower of it. Let us therefore, on this occasion, raise our hearts in thankfulness to Almighty God, for what he has graciously given to us in the person of the Venerable deceased. .

“ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us. not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen. ”

“O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty' ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant, the president of the United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy Way: endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their senate and its representatives in congress assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest' foundations,' that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessities for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.”

Most gracious God and Father—we render to thee our thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having served our country at different times, and in different spheres of usefulness, now rest from their labours.

Especially we acknowledge thy goodness in the services of thy lately deceased servant, the survivor of the signers of the instrument under which our commonwealth has risen to considerations and to power, among the sovereignties of the earth. May his name be an incentive to worthy conduct, with all who come after him in our public councils.

May posterity, while they shall inherit the lustre of his virtues, enjoy the benefit of his labours. And may there be with us a succession of great and good men, to the glory of thy name, and to the benefit of thy people, to the end of time..

Finally, we pray “that We, with all these thy servants, who have departed this life in the true faith and fear of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in body and in soul, in thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be With us all evermore. Amen.”