

Invocations at
City Council Meetings
Turlock, CA

July 28, 2009

Pastor Chris Ritchie: Harvest Christian Church

“Let’s bow our heads in prayer. God, we just welcome your presence into this meeting. Lord, we pray for wisdom and knowledge and that we would just have your mind tonight. Lord, we just give you the glory and everything that is said and done here in this meeting, we just ask that you would be pleased. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

July 14, 2009

Jay Hyatt: Missionary Gospel Fellowship Church

“Let’s pray. Father, we thank you for the civil government that we have. We thank you for each person that is here representative of the people of this city, of this state, of this nation. We pray your blessing upon them of wisdom, of insight. We pray also for the departments that take their policy from this board. We pray that they would be blessed with provision, with wisdom, insight, courage and diligence, Father, to accomplish the works that need to be done. We pray that you would give peace, that you would give understanding in the deliberations that are made tonight, in the open session and in the negotiations sessions which follow. We pray that you would bring accord, work things out in a way that is best for all the residents in this town. Glorify yourself in us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

June 9, 2009

Jennifer Dealamont

“Please join me in prayer. Dear Heavenly Father: Lord, I just thank you for today, as it truly is a gift from you. Lord, I thank you for all that have gathered today. And, Lord, I just ask that you would bless this meeting. May the decisions made tonight truly be to your glory. Thank you for the community of Turlock and all who call it home. Lord, please give us the strength and the wisdom to make it a better place for all. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

May 27, 2009

Dave Nieuwsma: Monte Vista Chapel

“I know you guys have some decisions that will have some long-term implications on the city tonight. So it is good we do the thing one nation under God, it is good that you guys are still doing it here. So thanks a lot for doing that.”

“Let’s pray. We do recognize, Heavenly Father, that our lives are in your hands. Not only in little things but in also in big things. And, Father, as the council tonight makes some major decisions our prayer is that you give them a real sense of wisdom, a real sense of elating. And, Father, please bring clarity, help them to see, as they already know, the long term implications of

many of the decisions that they are making and be honored through these. In Jesus' name. Amen."

May 12, 2009

Pastor Kevin David: Cornerstone Covenant Church

"Let's pray. Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to pray aloud. Too frequently communities fail to recognize your presence. And so here in Turlock, we give you thanks for leadership whose forward thinking but also concern for the welfare for the compassion, the mercy, and the justice in this community. Although we are reminded in your words that everyone must submit to governing authority. For there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by you. You are involved in civil government. And these who would lead are divinely appointed. Because you have allowed them to be placed in these positions of leadership. It is a weighty, discernable, important job. But it is no less than the least citizen, who finds themselves on the fringe of our community because really the ground is all level at the foot of city hall. And we all tread there, on the same plane, on the same ground. We ask you, almighty God, that you would lead these deliberations, these discussions, and the celebrations for those good things that are happening in Turlock. We ask you that you would guide the mayor, this council, the police, the fire, our civil leaders. We thank you, Father, for doing what is right. That we don't have to be free in this country, without honoring you first. We are free because we honor you, and we can pray aloud. And thank you almighty God. In Jesus' holy name. Amen."