

**Faith Life Weekly 2/22/10**

**Reflection and Prayer:**

Here is the prayer that I offered to the NE State Legislative Session on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

When I arrived, the Sergeant of Arms asked me if I had received the letter. Then he asked me if I had read the letter. My answer to both was "Yes".

*Thank you, God, for waking us up today.*

*When we arose and opened our eyes to see the sunrise it was you.*

*When we sat down to eat, and bathed, and clothed, and shod our feet with the shoes of legislative session, it was you.*

*When we took our first breaths this day, and ticked off our first heartbeats, and walked our first steps, and engaged our brain waves, and surely reminded us of our conscience, our ability to make trustworthy, honest, benevolent, and upright decisions, it was you.*

*We would have thought it was us, something of our doing but it was you. It was you.*

*It was you when we lay down for rest, last evening.*

*It was you when we arose refreshed and renewed, just as surely it will be you in the late afternoon hour as the sun begins to dip below the horizon and the day's business is over.*

*Eternal Father, we praise you for your acts of Creation, Salvation, and Holy Sustenance, and we thank you for this brave land, this beautiful land, this varied land that we know as our Nebraska home.*

*Remind us throughout this day of our varied cultures and walks of life, of rancher, farmer, and vine grower, of entrepreneur, laborer, commerce and industry, teacher and student, civil servant, medical worker, and homemaker, all, young and old.*

*Grant your far reaching wisdom, the wisdom that has been tested throughout the ages and known through time, to our state lawmakers.*

*And Lord, as we come to the grand pauses of the day, may they truly be a pause to reflect your grandeur and your glory, to admire your ways with us all.*

*For when all is said and done...It really is all about you, isn't it?*

*It really is all you.*

*You, at the break of our day,*

*You, at the close of our day.*

*You, in the midst of the grand pauses of our day.*

*We invoke the blessings which belong only to you upon our state capital.*

*Let us all be mindful of the less fortunate, and our sisters and brothers from across the globe.*

*We offer all of this up to you.*

*Whatever our cause, whatever the business of the day, let us take one step back and remember...*

*It was you!*

*It is you!*

*It will always be you!*

*Amen.*

**R.F.**