

Invocation in Observance of George Washington's Birthday

O God of all the ages, we invoke your Holy Name as we celebrate the birthday of our First President, George Washington in this historic place graced by his presence. We give you thanks for the courage and wisdom in helping our nation win its independence and in guiding it during its most formative years. Enable us to honor his memory by remaining true to the ideals embedded in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights and in the Constitution of this, our beloved State of Maryland. Help us to see, as he did, the importance of religion and morality for the survival and flourishing of democracy. Give us the wisdom to strive for a unity that transcends narrow interests, that seeks to protect the human life and dignity of all, and that creates opportunities for all to use well and wisely their gifts and talents. Help us to use well and wisely the abundant gifts you have bestowed upon our Nation and our State. We make this prayer in Thy Holy Name. Amen.