



*Prayer offered by Rhonda Lacy*

*Texas State Senate*

*Thursday, April 16, 2009*

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I come before You humbly. I thank You for Your love, but I ask You for Your Mercy - Mercy on this Nation, this State, this austere group in this Chamber who endeavor to make decisions for the good of Texas, for the people they love, the people whom they serve.*

*Bathe in truth those who work here. And, when they know that truth, give them the boldness and perseverance to act upon that truth for the good of the people, for the love of Texas and the strength of this Nation.*

*Give this Fellowship Unity, Respect, Encouragement, Purpose, Focus and Your Wisdom. For those in this chamber who take lightly this call to serve Texas and her people, may Your convicting love change their ways. For those in this chamber who have grown weary and discouraged, may they gain new vision and strength as they look to You for answers. As Your Word says, "May they not lose heart in doing good" and may they not grow weary when their ways are challenged.*

*I ask You for physical, emotional, mental and spiritual strength for the decisions that come before these elected ones in this Chamber.*

*I ask You for protection and endurance for their families as many here miss family opportunities because of the work in which they are engaged.*

*Give their families understanding and fill them with the knowledge and satisfaction that their loved ones are serving with a necessary purpose.*

*For the troops represented from members of this Senate and from this State, I ask for protection from harm and a resolute spirit. I ask that Your arms would envelope their families and soothe their hearts and minds from worry as they look to You as their source of strength. I ask You for help, for encouragement, for healing and for jobs for our Warriors returning home. And for our Wounded Warriors, may they have a double portion of that same request.*

*Father, thank-you again for the elected ones before us. I ask You, please, to continue to raise up statesmen in our State, in our Nation, who care more about doing what is right, than what is politically expedient; whose main concern is not the next election, but whose main concern is doing what is right, safe and good for Texas and for our Country.*

*Thank-you, Lord, for the heritage of those who have gone before us in making this state what it is today. May we be worthy of their sacrifice and leave this State healthy and vital for those who follow.*

*Now, Lord God, please lead and guide this day this Senate, our Lt. Governor, our Governor, the House, our Justices and Judges and all who work on their behalf for the betterment of this State we love, Texas.*

*Thank-you, Lord! I pray these things in the Name and Power of Jesus Christ, my Lord, whom I serve.*