

in our national affairs. Religion and national destiny are forever entwined. That ours is a "nation whose God is the Lord" is explicit in our Declaration of Independence, is implicit in our instruments of government and permeates all of our institutions of government. The virtues of our people and the values of our culture are derived from the premise that this is "one nation under God." Our American society and our American way of life are built upon the Judeo-Christian concept of the relationship of man to God

As Americans, striving for the betterment of our lives as individuals and for the improvement of our society as a whole, we rejoice in the rich blessing we have in being citizens of a "nation whose God is the Lord." As Christians, we rejoice in the words of our Master—to Andrew, and to Peter, James and John—that we need not be troubled, knowing that if we endure to the end in his faith we shall be saved.

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It is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome all of you to this Second Student Leadership Breakfast here at the University of Maryland today. I know how difficult and how inconvenient it was for many of you to be here this morning but your interest in and your support of this project most certainly is appreciated.

As Governor of Maryland, I'm called upon frequently during the course of a year to deliver many different types of talks, but rarely do I speak at 7:30 o'clock in the morning. I can assure you that I will follow the admonition of a preacher I knew back home who was noted for *short sermons*; "if you don't save them in the first 15 minutes," he would say, "they're not going to be saved." Frankly, I'm a bit more optimistic about the young people gathered here today but I shall not extend my remarks to prove this point.

Prayer breakfasts actually began in the Congress of the United States more than 23 years ago and, since then, the idea that men and women should gather together in fellowship, seeking divine guidance for all their purposes, has spread throughout the land. I am rather proud of the fact that prayer breakfasts in Maryland were initiated during my term of office and, as I recall, the first one, five years ago, was attended by