

your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education." So, let us all here this morning pray with sincerity to the end that we may have fresh courage and renewed enlightenment.

REMARKS, GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

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Mr. Whitmore, Congressman Schweiker, Reverend members of the clergy, members of the Legislature, ladies and gentlemen:

We have met here this morning in a spirit of thanksgiving to acknowledge our debt to the Almighty for the privilege we have in being citizens of a nation in which we can enjoy the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As the Governor of the State, and on behalf of all its citizens, it is a pleasure to welcome to our State capital Congressman Richard Schweiker, of our neighbor state, Pennsylvania, our principal speaker at this Sixth Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Congressman Schweiker, it was most generous of you to take yourself away from your many duties in Washington to join with us in this prayer breakfast.

The printed program which has been distributed here this morning quotes from the Mayflower Compact and the Declaration of Independence to show that the United States of America began and lives as a result of faith in God. With all deference to those who planned the program, I should like to point out that our Maryland Constitution also gives recognition to this faith. For the Declaration of Rights, which is a part of our State Constitution, begins with these words: "We, the people of the State of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty . . . declare, "and so on with the enunciation of the principles of our government.

This acknowledgment of our Creator is the foundation upon which we have built our civilization. And while we, as a free people, zealously guard our right to worship in accordance with the dictates of our consciences, we do recognize the importance of reverence to a supreme being. Article 36 of our Maryland Declaration of Rights states that "it is the duty of every man to worship God in such manner as he thinks most acceptable to him" and that "all persons are equally