

Dear Senate Committee,

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry into parliamentary prayers and to urge the committee not to recommend abolishing them.

These prayers have been an important part of the Parliamentary day since 1901. They give each Senator an opportunity to reflect on his responsibility before God in the important role of legislator. They also allow the institution of parliament to honour God and to publicly express its allegiance to Him.

No doubt, these are the very things that the promoters of this inquiry hate about the practice, but every law passed by the Senate must have a moral basis behind it and if not Christianity, then what? Well, the real agenda here is to gradually replace Christian morality with an inherently amoral atheist worldview – and that is why this proposal is so damaging and dangerous.

Yours sincerely,