



Parliament of the Republic of Fiji

PARLIAMENT PRAYER



The reading of the prayer is an integral part of all Parliament sittings. The following prayer is read by the Speaker on taking the Chair at the start of each sitting.

“Oh God, we come together in your name in this Parliament to debate our nation’s affairs and pass laws for the betterment and welfare of all Fijians. Guide us in our deliberations and grant us the wisdom to do what is just and fair. We ask you to bless our beloved nation and grant every Fijian peace, prosperity and equal opportunity. Help us to serve our citizens with honesty, integrity and without fear or favour, to keep the trust of those who have sent us here. We seek your divine guidance to continue to build a better nation for all Fijians. In your name, AMEN.”

The Speaker and everyone in the chamber remain standing when the prayer is being read. After the prayer, the Mace is placed upon the Table. The Mace is the symbol of the authority of Parliament entrusted by it to the Speaker. The Mace remains upon the Table during sittings except when Parliament is in committee, in which case it must be removed from the Table and placed under it.

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