



BRIEFING

January 10, 2024

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!*
(Psalm 113:2-3, ESV)

This morning at 10 a.m. the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fourth Colorado General Assembly was called to order. Today is the first of 120 days for the Legislature to do its business before adjourning on Wednesday, May 8.

If you are Colorado, you may know about the turmoil and unsettledness the Legislature has been experiencing. There were disruptions from protestors (Palestinian supporters) during the Special Session in November, and this morning shortly after the beginning of business in the House of Representatives there was another orchestrated disruption.

Personal animosity between members of the legislature has developed (much more intense than the "regular" differences between political parties), and as a result some legislators have resigned mid-term specifically due to the harsh atmosphere. Several legislators have asked me to pray for calm and restraint. One Senator asked me yesterday to pray for peace during the session and "for everyone to behave themselves."

The Lord has already been blessing my time at the Capitol Building. I've had meaningful conversations with a few legislators where they have shared their frustrations and the need for prayer. Others have asked about when I'll be having prayer meetings.

One last story about today. After the opening session this morning, I saw a member of the House I got to know and pray for last spring. He is now in a wheelchair and was accompanied by his wife. He introduced me to his wife by saying "this is the minister who I stopped regularly last year and asked him to pray for me." I asked about the wheelchair and he said he has been diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. He asked me to pray for him and his wife right then in the hallway just outside the House Chamber. What an amazing opportunity to pray for God's strength, comfort, and hope for those in need.

The Lord has given me such a privilege to minister in this place! Thank you for partnering with me through your prayers and support! Please pray the Lord will be pleased to bless this ministry to those in Colorado state government – by His might and for His glory!

Praise God for His goodness!



Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, friendship, and support!

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