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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 4:08 PM

**Subject:** Re: LWV - Council Prayer Proposal

Dear Laura and members of the League,

This country was founded on Freedom “of” Religion not freedom “from” Religion. The United States Congress, the Illinois Legislature (both Senate and House), as well as the DuPage County Board all say a simple prayer prior to every meeting. I don’t see why the Elmhurst City Council can’t do the same. We should not be prevented from saying a brief, well intended prayer. Our pledge of allegiance refers to “One Nation, Under God, with Liberty and Justice for all”. We will be open to all churches and faiths in our community and if someone attends a church outside of our community they are welcome to invite their Priest, Minister, Pastor, or Rabbi contact the Mayor’s office to get on our bi-weekly schedule. On a legal note, City Attorney Storino has a legal opinion that prayer at a City Council meeting is perfectly within our right.

Respectfully Yours,

Pete DiCianni  
Mayor of Elmhurst