

**PRAYER AND GRACE FOR 08/08/08 BANQUET**  
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**ALMIGHTY GOD, LORD OF NATIONS AND HISTORY,  
WE INVOKE THY PRESENCE UPON THIS SIGNIFICANT  
EVENT.**

**WE THANK THEE FOR THOSE WHO PLANNED THIS  
EVENING AND WE PRAY THAT THE PURPOSE FOR  
WHICH THIS EVENT WAS CONCEIVED WILL BE  
ABUNDANTLY FULFILLED AND THAT THOSE WHO  
BORE RESPONSIBILITY WILL ENJOY TOTAL  
SATISFACTION IN WHAT IS ACHIEVED HERE.**

**MINDFUL OF THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION THAT  
THOSE IN AUTHORITY SERVE BY DIVINE  
APPOINTMENT, ARE MINISTERS FOR THE COMMON  
GOOD AND FINALLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THEE,  
GRANT, DEAR LORD THAT THIS EVENING IN ALL ITS  
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE MAY PLEASE AND  
HONOUR THEE AS IT BENEFITS OUR NATION AND  
EVEN THE WORLD.**

**FOR THE PLEASURE OF EACH OTHER'S COMPANY WE  
GIVE THEE THANKS AND PRAY THAT WE MAY LOVE  
AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER.**

**WE THANK THEE FOR THE GOOD FOOD WHICH WE  
ENJOY, THE FARMERS WHO PRODUCED IT, THE**

**INDUSTRY WHICH PROCESSED IT, AND THOSE WHO PREPARE AND SERVE IT.**

**MAY WE, WHO ALWAYS HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH OF EVERYTHING, BE SENSITIVE, COMPASSIONATE AND CARING FOR THOSE WHO NEVER HAVE ENOUGH OF ANYTHING,**

**WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF HIM WHO IN SACRIFICIAL LOVE ENDURED THE SHAME OF THE CRUCIFIXION THAT WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE! AMEN.**