

Prayer for Kennedy

This prayer, in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy, was written by the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer of Redeemer Lutheran Church. It reflects the mood of a nation that turned to God for strength and guidance in a time of need.

ALMIGHTY AND Everlasting God, we come into Thy presence this morning for comfort and guidance and strength. A nation and a world bows its head in reverence before Thy unsearchable ways.

We would beseech Thee to grant the lifeless body of our President rest in the bosom of mother earth, and hereafter a joyful resurrection to life everlasting.

Stand by the side of Mrs. Kennedy and her children. Keep them under the shadow of Thine everlasting arms. May they enter into the secret place of Thy presence, that, hidden with Thee, their souls may be filled with a sense of Thy sheltering care. Knowing themselves fended about by Thy loving power, may they permit Thee to give them faith and peace and contentment.

WE BESEECH Thee also to guide and direct our new President, that, with clean hands and pure hearts we may go forward in Thy name. Give him wisdom and lead him by Thy power and grace in paths that will bring blessing and healing to our nation in this critical hour.

Thou who has taught us that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; make us to know that Thou art with us, and that with Thee is help adequate to all our needs.

To see Thee is to find meaning in life. —
To obtain Thy forgiveness is healing and peace. —
To meditate upon Thy purpose is enduring hope. —
To love and trust Thee is to face life unafraid.
O God open our eyes to Thy glory and incline our hearts to Thy will. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.



LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON
36th President of the United States

City Declares Need Opening Fairway Drive

Birmingham city commissioners Tuesday night declared a necessity for the opening of Fairway Drive.

When the project is completed Fairway Drive will be opened from Arden Lane east to a point 334 feet west of Pleasant St. The city assessor has been asked to prepare the assessment roll to show the project including the obtaining of the right-of-way, installation of utility lines and the paving of the street. Present plans do not call for sidewalks on the street.

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Parent-Teacher Confabs Changed

The Birmingham Public Schools' parent-teacher conferences that were to meet last Monday have been re-scheduled for Monday, Dec. 29.

The schools involved are Adams, Baldwin, Beverly, Bloomfield Village, Franklin, Greenfield, Harlan and Meadow Lake elementaries. Parents are being notified by their respective schools about the change of date.

Raven Robber Found Guilty

Ronald Powell, 24, of Detroit, has been found guilty of breaking and entering of The Raven Gallery, Birmingham on Oct. 17.

He will be sentenced by Oakland County Circuit Judge Stanton O. Dondero on December 17. Police estimated \$40 had been taken in the robbery.

Powell, who is on parole for breaking and entering in Detroit, was fired from his job at The Raven two days before the breaking and entering took place.

Village Family Flies to Rites For President

With cameras and their 9-year-old son, Tommy, Jr., and Mrs. Thomas H. Glenn of Broadway Blvd., Bloomfield Village, boarded a plane Sunday and flew to Washington for the funeral Monday of President John F. Kennedy.

They went unofficially, with no personal contacts as impetus. Primarily, the spur-of-the-moment trip was planned around their third grade son, affording him a chance to see history in the making.

Mr. Glenn reports they had no trouble with motel reservations, choosing one just across from Arlington where the view of ceremony was simply terrific even if we hadn't budgeted.

BUT BUDGE they did, waiting two hours in the line—five miles long, six abreast—outside the Potomac before giving up. "It didn't matter," Mrs. Glenn said, "because we were so close to everything at Arlington. No one was stopped from getting as near as possible—we could have reached out and touched the dignitaries."

Tommy, along with hundreds of other children, sat on the curb when sturdy legs gave out during the three-hour service. Impressive to Mrs. Glenn was the fact these youngsters never uttered a peep. Silence was complete.

Leaders

"WE HAVE experienced a tremendous tragedy, but we will experience an even greater tragedy if this grief and self-examination fall to produce an improvement in our attitude as a nation."

Senators Patrick V. McNamara and Philip A. Hart paid their respects along with other colleagues on Saturday. Sen. McNamara, because of his seniority, was invited to the services at St. Matthew's. He also marched in the procession from the White House.

Due to lack of space, only 50 senators were admitted to the church.

REP. WILLIAM S. Broomfield of Royal Oak did not march in the funeral cortege but attended the church services.

All three congressmen and their wives drove to Arlington for the burial.

Open New Unit At Nursing Home

A 108-patient "intensive care" unit has been opened on the second floor of the Seminole Hills Nursing Home in Pontiac, serving Oakland County.

John D. Cooley, 1582 Hayes Drive in Birmingham, is executive director of the unit that includes trained personnel and medical equipment ready to serve patients who do not require services of a hospital but are not well enough to go home.

Seminole Hills handles sub-acute and chronic illnesses.

AT THE Community House the Senior Men's Club and their wives and the Senior Women's Club stopped their weekly meetings and card-playing activities to listen to reports on the President.

Within an hour after it was learned Mr. Kennedy had died, Community House Executive Director Robert A. Bogan said the building had been emptied.

On Monday, the day of President Kennedy's funeral, activity in the Birmingham area came to a virtual stop.

Schools were closed as were all of the various municipal offices, post offices and county agencies. Only police and firemen were on duty.

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off our moral and spiritual responsibilities or leave them to others for fulfillment.

THE time has come for our society to undergo a thorough spiritual examination in which the individual, among many other things, learns anew that his freedom is not above that of the group, that hate and violence serve only evil ends and that the star that guides us through life is really a constellation of moral values which light our way in the confusion of experiences which form and mould our life.

We must make this inner examination of ourselves with the same thoroughness and skill as we ourselves projects of outer space. Such an "inner space" project should be done as part of our defense program—defense against the threat of growing human hate and violence that erupts with increasing horror among us—a so-called civilized nation.

Until we do this, the forces that work against the realization of man's highest dreams remain strong and malignant. Those forces must be countered with new dedication so that President Kennedy's martyrdom shall indeed not have been in vain.

Mrs. Romney Cancels B'field Appearance

Governor and Mrs. George Romney have cancelled all social engagements for the next 30 days because of the death of President Kennedy.

Mrs. Romney, therefore, will not speak at the December luncheon of the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club next Thursday as reported on page 2-C of this week's Eccentric.

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