

*Speech Inaugural*

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RAY PRICE

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SUBJECT: Bible Verses for Inauguration

I understand that there is still an open question on which passage the Bible should be opened to as the President takes the oath of office. Included here are some suggestions by John Andrews and Noel Koch. Would you please look them over and send along to Rose Mary Woods?

Thanks.

Attachment

INAUGURAL - BIBLE VERSE

I Kings 3:5-9 Solomon, on becoming king, is asked by God what he most desires, and replies: "I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in . . . Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? "

Psalms 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. "

Isaiah 33:22 "The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us." (Includes judicial, legislative, and executive functions of government.)

Psalms 22:28 "For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He is the governor among the nations. "

Proverbs 3:5, 6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. "

I Peter 5:6, 7 "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

~~Perhaps one of these may also fit into your planning for the Inaugural Address itself, if you want to include a Scriptural reference in the speech.~~

Psalms 119:165 "Great peace have they which love Thy law. "

Peace

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. Isaiah 26:12

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them . . . Ezekiel 37:26