<u>Invocation for Texas House of Representatives</u>

17 April 2019

Spirit of Life, We thank you for each one of us who has come to this place this day. We thank you for the State of Texas, and that you have brought us here so that we can work together on behalf of all the people who share this blessed land with us. As we talk and reason with one another, give us open hearts and open minds, that we may seek the truth, and that we may understand the truth when we find it. Help us to listen carefully to one another, to hear what is in the hearts and minds of our colleagues and our co-workers. Help us to honor that which we hear, and help us to respect the viewpoint of everyone who speaks. Help each one of us who takes part in our government to work diligently, and to honor the tasks which have been committed into our hands. Help us not to be swayed by pride, or by the desire for personal gain, but help us rather to be guided by true compassion, and by a genuine desire to do whatever is most helpful, and most productive, in every situation. In every negotiation that we pursue, and in every decision that we make, help us to think clearly and to choose wisely. Let justice flow forth with every law we pass, and help us to build a society in which the power of love, and working of your grace, will bring hope and blessing into the lives of everyone with whom we share this blessed land. We ask these things in the Name of the One who loves us most, Amen.

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