

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Membership

FROM: Majority Leader Steve Montenegro

RE: Prayer and the Daily Order of Business

DATE: January 27, 2016

As you know, prayer is the second item on the daily Order of Business for the House of Representatives during session. *See* Rule 7(A)(2). If you wish to lead the prayer, or to invite a member of the clergy to lead the prayer, please direct your request by email to my assistant Jana Babel.

Please note the following principles in submitting your requests.

1. Rule 7 reserves the second daily Order of Business expressly and exclusively for prayer. Prayer, as commonly understood and in the long-honored tradition of the Arizona House of Representatives, is a solemn request for guidance and help from God.
2. A Member's request to lead the prayer, or to invite a member of the clergy to lead the prayer, is an avowal that the request is for the stated purpose. Members who wish to observe a moment of silence, recite a poem, express personal sentiments or speak rather than pray, should rise to a point of personal privilege to do so. *See* Rule 26(B)(2).
3. No particular faith will be excluded or favored in considering requests to lead the prayer or to invite clergy for that purpose.
4. The privilege of leading the prayer must not be exploited to proselytize or advance any one, or to disparage any other, faith or belief.
5. Prayer should be solemn, respectful in tone, non-coercive, and reflect upon shared ideals and common ends.
6. Members must observe the rules of decorum regardless of whether they participate in the prayer.