

2018 Lieutenant Governors Prayer Breakfast Prayer for the Province



Your Honour, Distinguished Platform Guests, friends:

*Acknowledging that we are standing on Treaty 4 Territory,
I would invite you into a posture of prayer according to your
custom.*

God who is known by many names,

*Saskatchewan is an exquisite patchwork quilt, amazingly designed piece by piece,
from golden plains, colourful squares of crops, sand dunes, vast forests and lakes,
rock of the northern Canadian Shield, rolling hills and meandering rivers
bordered by the great canopy of living skies, award winning sunsets by day,
and dancing neon, northern lights by night.*

As diverse as the geography are the people of Saskatchewan.

*Original indigenous inhabitants, early settlers, a plethora of immigrants and refugees
from every corner of the globe.*

*Many languages, many cultures, many foods, many religions, many hockey rinks and
curling teams and of course the best CFL team – RIDER PRIDE!*

Yet all these varieties of fabric are held together.

*All these varieties of fabric have been carefully sewn together into the quilt called
Saskatchewan.*

*The threads that weave all these patches together are threads of compassion, fierce prairie
pride, hard work, kindness, and love.*

*When a deep tear in the fabric happens, as in the unimaginable tragedy in Humboldt last week,
the threads in the whole quilt, the whole province, feel the tension.*

*But the beauty in this Saskatchewan quilt is that it gracefully and swiftly wraps the distressed
community in warmth, in compassion, in understanding,
in deep prairie roots of care-taking for one another,
in prairie Love.*

The embrace lasts for as long as is needed.

It is just what we do, we, who claim to be prairie people

*So dear God, who is called upon by many, who answers to many names,
we pray that you continue to embrace this patchwork quilt province of ours.*

We have historical stains. Heal where racism, fear, and hate have stained our fabric.

*Wrap us in your wide embrace, breathe your spirit of compassion deep within us to sustain us
through this journey of life, this cycle of birth and death.*

Bless all your children and bless our time this morning.

In your name we pray

Amen

Rev. Carla Blakley April 11 2018