WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

I AM THE WAY

O Give Thanks Unto The Lord; For He Is Good; For His Mercy Endureth Forever

PSALM 136:1

Have Mercy Upon Me And Hear My Prayer

Prayer In Public Schools

(An Editorial)
By REV. J. TIMOTHY BODDIE
Pastor New Shiloh Baptist Church

Let us not attack the Supreme Court because it enforces the U.S. Constitution as written.

The Constitution requires separation of church and state.

The court has, therefore, ruled that public schools can not direct teachers to conduct religious services.

This is the same U.S. Supreme Court which in 1954 directed the public schools to integrate our children.

The court enforced the 14th Amendment then, and the 1st Amendment now.

The decision may prove exceedingly helpful to all of us.

The court does not forbid silent prayer in the public schools.

The court has not said the schools can not teach our children how to pray.

The court can, our homes can.

The result may well be that we all shall place more reliance upon personal prayers at home, at school and wherever we are, while religious intruction is stepped-up in our churches and Sunday Schools.

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
THE FRIENDLY CHURCH WITH THE OPEN DOOR
CARROLLTON AVENUE NEAR LANVALE STREET
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
HOLY COMMUNION DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Worship. Sermon: Rev. Gertrude S. Wells. Music—Gospel Choir.
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship—Sermon by Dr. J. M. Gray, Pastor. Music by Senior, Gospel, Youth Choirs and Male Chorus. Holy Communion
2:00 P.M.—Baptism By Pastor Gray
2:30 P.M.—A.C.E. League
I.M. GRAY, Minister

PENNA. AVENUE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
"The Church of The Burning Heart"
1116-1126 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
SUNDAY, JULY 1,1962
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School.
8:00 and 11:00 A.M. Worship. 8:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Rev. Stewart Patterson. Holy Communion: Music by the Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus No. 1.
3:30 P.M.—Anniversary Service—Rose Bud Circle.
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 8:00 P.M.—Vacation Bible School Closing Exercises.
CLINTON R. COLEMAN, Minister

AMES MEMORIAL METH. CHURCH
Carey and Baker Streets
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 A.M.—Service Sermon Theme, "The Kingdom is Coming"
9:30 A.M.—Church School. Mr. James Owings, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Service-Sermon, Theme, "The Kingdom is Coming"
12:00 A.M.—The Senior Ushers, Tea. Tickets 75 cents
6:00 P.M.—The M.Y.F. Program
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL
ERNEST P. CLARK, Minister

WALBROOK-TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"Where No One Is A Stranger"
3200 WALBROOK AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD.
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Service. Communion Meditation. Celebration of Holy Communion.
ALL ARE INVITED
REV. THOMAS P. FRASER, III, Pastor LO. 6-3230

GRACE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DOLPHIN and ETTING STREETS
One of Baltimore's Friendliest Churches
SUNDAY, JULY 1,1962
9:00 A.M.—Sunday Church School
9:55 A.M.—Moments of Guided Meditation
10:00 A.M.—Worship Service
Observance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Wednesday:
8:00 P.M.—"Hour of Prayer Service"
REV. ROBERT T. NEWBOLD, Pastor

THE GREATER BALTO.
TENT REVIVAL
Starting Sunday, July 15 thru Aug. 1962
Laurens and Mount Sts.
FEATURE EVANGELIST
REV. CHARLES LEADUM

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
LAFAYETTE and MADISON AVES.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, MINISTER
JAMES S. HAMMOND, MINISTER OF MUSIC
SUNDAY JULY 1, 1962
8:30 and 11 A.M.
"THE QUEST FOR FULFILLMENT"
MR. BASCOM, Preaching
MUSIC
SANCTUARY CHOIR
"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" — Arr. Ryder
"SURELY THE LORD IS IN HIS PLACE" — Coke-Aspinott
CHANCEL CHOIR
"THE LORD'S PRAYER" — Gates
"WITH A VOICE OF SINGING" — Shaw
GOSPEL CHOIR
"GROWING DEARER EACH DAY" —Gabriel
Church School 9:30 A.M.

WAYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
1410 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor. Music by the Pastor, Music by the Jr. and Sr. Choirs
ALL ARE WELCOME
8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic Services.
ALL ARE WELCOME
Miss Carolyn Billups, Church Clerk
Rev. Y. E. Williams Pastor

BROWN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
2000 N. FULTON AVENUE
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon and Choirs Singing
8:00 P.M.—Preaching and Music by Jr. Choir
'Old Fashioned Prayer' Meeting Each Friday at 8 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME
REVEREND PAUL J. HARRIS, B.TH. MINISTER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Caroline and McElderry Streets
"First Colored Baptist Church in Maryland"
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
8:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Rev. L. E. Terrell, Dean of Virginia State College
9:00 A.M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Worship : Sermon by the Rev. L. E. Terrell, Dean Virginia State College
6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
7:30 P.M.—First Anniversary. Male Chorus — Sermon by the Rev. David R. Moore, Jr. Mr. Willie J. Moore, Pres.
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
OPENING SERVICE
OF THE
REFUGE SPIRITUAL BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
at 412 N. Carey Street
at 3:00 P.M.
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 8:00 P.M.
Bring The Sick — Free Collation
ELDRESS G. V. COX, Founder and Pastor

AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH
2610 GARRISON BOULEVARD
at Bateman
9:45 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP
REV. PAUL SCHOENEMAN, Pastor

"THE ELIJAH MESSAGE"
COMES TO BALTIMORE
Starting SUN. JULY 1
8:15 P.M.
TERRA FIRMA ROAD
CHERRY HILL
ELDER W. LOYD MONTGOMERY
of New Orleans, speaking nightly
Subject: "THE COMING CONFLICT AND ITS EFFECT UPON THE AMERICAN NEGRO"
JULY 1—"SHOULD RUSSIA COMPEL AMERICA? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE NEGRO?
JULY 2—"THE GREATEST SECRET WEAPON IN THE WORLD IS IN THE HAND OF THE NEGRO"
JULY 3—"WHO IS OUR ENEMY?"
JULY 4—"THE LAST FREEDOM RIDE"
JULY 5—"THE REVELATION OF GOD TO MAN"
REMEMBER THE PLACE
TERRA FIRMA ROAD
CHERRY HILL—Opposite Shopping Centre
In case of rain the service will be continued the following night.

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
1308 RIGGS AVE.
CALLS NEW PASTOR

Rev. Wilbur S. Watson, who has been working with the congregation since the retirement of its former pastor, Rev. W. S. Evans, has now been officially called. His fine attributes and outstanding ability have won the hearts and admiration of all those whose pleasure it has been to work with him. His soul - stirring sermons, along with his gospel singing, has been a great inspiration to the church as a whole.

Rev. W. S. Watson was born in this city, he was educated in the local schools and is a recent graduate of Morris College, School of Religion. He was a member of Canaan Baptist Church, member of the official board, also the Field Missionary of The Md. General Baptist Association. His Pastor, Rev. H. E. Lewis, spoke very highly of him and his qualifications. He is married and his wife, Mrs. Marretta Watson, one of our local teachers has been teaching at Grace and St. Peters School for ten years. She is the only Negro teacher in this all-white school. We proudly salute him and his wife and wish them Godspeed. Canaan's loss has been Olivet's gain.

The Olivet Baptist Church has had only three pastors since its humble beginning in 1922. Our first pastor was Rev. J. C. Sweeney, who served from 1922 until 1934; Rev. Benjamin Thompson served until his death in 1949; Rev. William S. Evans was selected to pastor the church in the spring of 1949. He began immediately to reorganize and make firm the condition of our church. He reorganized the Willing Workers Committee, Gospel Chorus, Junior Choir, the building fund and many other smaller units of the church. Rev. Mr. Evans and the board worked together and as a result the membership grew. In the spring of 1949, the pastor and board recognized the need for a new edifice and planned toward that goal which was completed in May, 1954. The church marched to its present site, 1308 Riggs Ave.

Rev. W. S. Evans served the church faithfully until his retirement in January of this year. Oliver is very grateful for his leadership. He will always be remembered for his exemplified manner as a spiritual leader. May God bless and keep him always.

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH
EDMONDSON AVE. and SCHROEDER ST.
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
6:30 A.M.—Early Prayer and Praise Service.
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor and Holy Communion
BIBLE SCHOOL EVERY DAY
9 am. Mon. Thru Friday
ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, Pastor

PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
EDMONDSON and WARWICK AVENUES
SUNDAY JULY 1, 1962
PASTOR'S AID DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. Beecher Ward.
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. Ward, Beginning
3:00 P.M.—Anniversary Sermon, Rev. Deloris Causins.
6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
8:00 P.M.—Drama, Faith of Our Fathers'
MON., JULY 2 THRU SUN. JULY 8
SANCTUARY CHOIR WEEK
REV. WARD D. YERBY, Pastor
REV. WARD D. YERBY Pastor

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE and PRESTON STREETS
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
9:30 A.M.—Church School
10:30 A.M.—Prayer and Praise Service
11:00 A.M.—Divine Worship
3:30 P.M.—Covenant and Lords Supper
6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
7:30 P.M.—Devine Worship
The Church With A Hearty Welcome
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, PASTOR

IF ANY MAN MINISTER, LET HIM DO IT AS OF THE ABILITY WHICH GOD GIVETH. 1 PETER 4:11

First Baptist Church
Fairfield 1620 BRADY AVENUE
CELEBRATES
The 25th Anniversary of Pastor Rev. E. W. Williams
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
He started as Librarian and served in every capacity of the church Teacher, Usher, Choir, President of Choir, Trustee, Assistant Supt., Supt., of Sunday School, Deacon, Church Clerk, Asst., Pastor under the late Dr. John W. Widgeon now closing out 25 years of untiring service to church and community.
ORDER OF SERVICE
9:30 A.M.—Church School, Deacon Major Jones, Supt.
10:45 A.M.—Devotionals by Deacons and Deaconesses
11:00 A.M.—Message by the Rev. Daniel Williams of Norfolk, Va., brother of the pastor.
3:30 P.M.—Message by the Rev. William W. Tapscott, Pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church.
Choirs and Congregation. Dr. Tapscott was with the pastor when he was ordained. Other pastors and friends will bring greetings. Come give your flowers now.
Deacon Major Jones, Chairman
Deacon Alexander Wilson, Treasurer
Deacon Wavley Rawles, Church Clerk
Rev. E. W. Williams, Pastor

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
The Friendly Church
PRESTON AND BOND STS.
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the pastor music by Senior Choir No. 2 and Gospel Choir.
3:00 P.M.—Program—Male Chorus.
All are Welcome
REV. JAMES R. GRANT, Pastor

Come and go with
ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST CHURCH
687 W. MULBERRY STREET
TO CONEY ISAND, N.Y.
Wednesday, July 4, 1962
Bus will leave 687 W. Mulberry St. at 2:00 A.M.
Return leave at 6:00 P.M.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
628 W. Franklin St., 615 W. Franklin St. and 2304 Avalon Ave.
Tickets, Adults $8.50
Children under 12 $4.25

PEOPLE'S BIBLE FORUM
Inter-denominational
BEREA TEMPLE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
1907 MADISON AVENUE
Elder WILMOT FORDHAM, Pastor
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1962
TOPIC: "WHAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TEACHES"
Moderator: Rev. Charles Leadum, PreachingEvangelist for National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated
WHAT ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL?
Rev. Donzel Wilday, Executive Secretary of Maryland Council of Churches.
WHAT ABOUT THE SABBATH?
Rev. Paul Schoneman, Augsburg Lutheran Church and Elder Wilmot Fordham, Berea Seventh Day Adventist Church.
WHAT ABOUT SPEAKING IN TONGUES?
Bishop Winfield Showell, First Apostolic Faith Church and Rev. Joseph Brown, Grace Memorial Baptist Church.
WHAT ABOUT DIVINE HEALING?
Elder Robert Willis, Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church and Rev. Leon White, Unity Christian Church.
IS CHRISTIANITY CHRISTIAN?
Special Guests: Dr. Vernon Johns, Virginia State College, and Dr. George Gunther, Former Dean of Lynchburg College and Seminary.
MUSIC BY
SINCERE CHORAL OF PHILADELPHIA
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Court's prayer ruling sets off City Council hassle

By MAX JOHNSON

"Resolved by the City Council of Baltimore that this body earnestly requests the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse its decision prohibiting the conducting of a public prayer in the schools of the State of New York;

"And be it further resolved that if the Supreme Court does not reverse this decision, we request the members of the Maryland delegation in the Congress of the United States to support a proposal to over - ride the decision of the Supreme Court."

This resolution, introduced by Henry R. Hergenreder (3rd D.), set off an hour and 40 - minute hassle in City Council Wednesday evening, the last scheduled session before the summer recess.

As a result, Philip H. Goodman, Council president, set a special session for July 12 to attempt to resolve the matter.

A public hearing on the resolution will be held at 1 p.m. that date, prior to the Council session at 5 p.m.

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THE HASSLE Wednesday began at 5:40 p.m. Wednesday as the resolution was introduced as the first order of business, and Mr. Hergenroeder moved for the suspension of rules for its immediate adoption.

"This is important," objected Leon Sheboken (5th D.), "and I feel the people should have a right to be heard."

"I don't see where this is so complex," said Peter G. Angelos (3rd D.) in defense of Mr. Hergenroeder's motion. "The chief principle here is that all of us acknowledge the existence of a Supreme Being."

Jacob J. Edelman (5th D.) took the floor to support Mr. Hergenroeder's point for a public hearing on the resolution.

"We asked you to hold up the public accommodations bill," argued William Bonnet (1st D.). "What was more — railroaded through here than that?"

"The public accommodations bill was in this Council for a year and a half, and we had two hearings on it," countered Solomon Liss (6th D.) "But to pass something that comes over the desk this evening, doesn't make sense.

"There are many respectful people who have a difference of opinion on this matter, and I'm not prepared to cast my vote until the people have a right to be heard.

"Besides, what's the rush? It would be ridiculous for us to pass on this tonight."

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A FEW other councilmen took the floor to say mainly that they believed in God, and Mr. Hergenroeder withdrew his motion to suspend the rules for passage of the resolution.

Mr. Angelos wasn't satisfied. He made the motion anew, and stated:

"What I wouldn't like to see happen is what the gentlemen are suggesting (a public hearing). If there is any language in the bill that is offensive, let's take it out.

"Let's reaffirm one principle. In God we trust, and in God we believe, and that this nation, State, city and this body acknowledge it."

Miss Liss jumped to the floor and half shouted angrily:

"Does the gentlemen want this Council to go on record as saying we believe in God? I never heard of anything so ridiculous in my life."

Mr. Rubenstein arose to ask again for a public hearing, and stated, "There are many shades of public opinion."

"There is just one shade of God," Mr. Angelos retorted.

Maxwell Alpert (4th D.) said he favored a public hearing, and read an editorial on the Supreme Court's decision from a daily paper.

Mr. Hergenroeder read another editorial from another daily on the matter.

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THEN, ANTHONY F. DiDOMENICO (2nd D.) arose to take exception to Mr. Angelos' remark about "one shade of God."

"What is the shade of God?" he asked. "Is it white, colored, Italian? There is more than one shade of God, otherwise we would have one religion. I submit God isn't just one shade.

"They Supreme Court decision, as I see it, relates to a New York case. Even if we passed this resolution, what would it mean?"

Mr. DiDomenico then proceeded to read the same editorial Mr. Hergenroeder had read moments before.

"That has just been read," somebody interrupted him to say.

"Who read it?" Mr. DiDomenico asked innocently. "That could have broken up the hassle, but it didn't. Tempers were so flared, few councilmen even grinned.

Mr. DiDomenico sat down, and the arguments continued. Finally, William Hodges (6th D.) ended the thing with this thought:

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"A BOMBSHELL has been dropped on the nation. The number one atheist in the world is laughing up his sleeve. Athiests believe that when you die, you are dead. I'm sorry for everything that has happened here today.

"We weren't too far wrong in asking that this resolution be sent to Washington."

Mr. Hodges then spoke about the lack of religion in Communist countries, and sat down.

Somebody called for a roll call vote on suspension of rules to permit adoption of the resolution.

The vote was 9 to 9, with three councilmen absent. A two-third vote, or 16, was required for suspension of the rules. So, the motion failed.

The time: 6:58 p.m. The City Council then turned attention to other matters.

—Prayer ruling

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the Constitution for the benefit of a few who in the name of religious freedom seek religious suppression."

He stated that if the court should "strike down the rule of the School Board in the 'Murray Case' that the only hope would be a "specific corrective amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

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OF THE 11 attorneys contacted, four said it was the law of the land and should be followed, four called the ruling constitution and three came out against it.

Ministers also took different sides. An Episcopal minister, Jewish rabbi and Presbyterian Court "Just and fair" or referred to the prayer as being "authorized by the New York Regents" making it unconstitutional.

Eight other ministers including 5 Methodist, 1 Catholic and 1 Baptist deplored the decision. One Baptist minister called the decision challenging to the Christian family."

The Rev. Logan Kearse urged that "out of this decision may arrive a great resolve to develop within family circles and within institutionalized religion a severe program of religious indoctrination."

—Clergy

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gious indoctrination.

"If the home and the church have been sufficiently shaken by this ruling to call the club which they should have done through the years, then the Justices consulted in the majority opinion were used gyt the Gods who can not be recognized in the New York state Board prayer."

BISHOP JOHN WESLEY FORD, presiding bishop of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Church:

"I deeply regret the Supreme Court decision.

"This ruling was made necessary by the unwise and unfortunate action of the Board of Regents of the state of New York in creating an general that prayer might appear, broadly interpreted, it will make unconstitutional the reciting of the Lrd's Prayer, a part of our great religious heritage.

"We are a religious people. This is our tradition.

"If we therefore exclude religion from the scope of the Public Schools' responsibilities, we are essence false to our religious tradition.

"This can not be said of other nations.

"It is because we are a religious people, with a religious tradition, that all religions have flourished in this land of ours."

RABBI SAMUEL ROSENBLATT, president of the Baltimore Board of Rabbis, a group which embraces and represents Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews, said he believes 95 per cent of the membership agrees:

"The Supreme Court Decision was just and fair.

"We have been hoping a decision like this might be reached. We wanted it from the pupil position since there are so many religions in our schools.

"Prayer should be kept in the home. In schools, there are so many religions.

"The Supreme Court is to protect the rights of the minorities. The minorities are those who need protection."

FATHER CEDRIC MILLS, rector of St. James PE Church, states:

"I agree, it is unconstitutional.

"The first amendment says there shall be no establishment of religion by the state.

"The difficulty came when the prayer was authorized by the New York Regents. When the state authorizes a prayer, it exceeds its authority.

"I know of no action by the state of Maryland that has authorized any prayer to begin classes in public schools. Therefore, the question does not pertain to Maryland."

THE REV. KENNETH P. BARNES, district superintendent of the West Baltimore District of the Methodist Church's Washington Annual Conference:

"On the surface, there seems to be no harm done. However, there is a deep - seated relationship between our country and God. A prayer to that same God is not far out of line.

"If we put on our money, "In God We Trust," the question comes, what will happen here?"

"As far as Maryland is concerned, The Supreme Court rules for the nation and all states come under the ruling."

THE REV. WILLARD CLAYTON, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church:

"By the same rule, Congress could be asked to cease prayer it opens with. Both the Senate and the House have a chaplain who prays. The Congressional Record shows there is prayer each day.

"We should leave prayer in our schools since here is where we need it most."

THE REV. KELLY JACKSON, pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church: "Nothing could be unlawful in prayer anywhere, anytime. I see no objection to the New York prayer as it is.

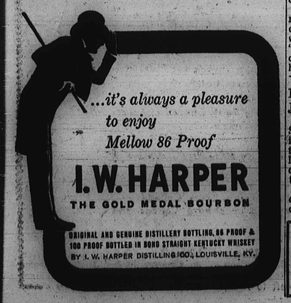
"It does not seem contrary to the Constitution which does not state prayer is forbidden.

BISHOP EDGAR A. LOVE, resident bishop of the Baltimore area of the Methodist Church:

"I am shocked at this decision.

"I do not see anyone's right to say when someone can utter a prayer if he wishes to do so."

"I am shocked by the decision of the Supreme Court, holding that the offering of



1,000 London-bound Jamaicans grounded

KINGSTON (UNFA) — Some 1,000 Jamaicans seeking to reach London before the July 1 immigration deadline will not make it because of a lack of aircraft, authorities said Saturday.

Only 28 of the 40 flights requested by travel agencies could be arranged.

Look Who is Coming Soon.
Then men with the open book of Psalms. BISHOP E. W. McNEILL gives you a blessing straight from the word of God. Watch for the date of his coming.

—People

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gion out of everything else—even the churches."

MRS. ALAFAIR MARSHALL, 2134 E. Oliver St., cook — "That's what's wrong with the world now — we're getting away from God. They've been having prayers in school ever since I was a little girl, and probably long before that. It was a good thing then, and it's good now."

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E. J. MORRIS, 1141 Stockton St., longshoreman — **"It's not right — it's just not right at all."**

MRS. BETTY BROWN, 1106 Popular Grove, waitress — "The Supreme Court is making a mistake this time. I think they are doing a lot of damage to what we believe in. How can you train your children to believe in God at home, when they get so much of their training right in school."

MRS. CLAUDIA BOSTIC, 814 N. Fulton Ave. — "In every religion there is something basic. They could even work out something even if I had to hear a Jewish verse. Sometimes I go to a Catholic church because I enjoy the singing.

"They don't have to be obliged to repeat the prayer; they ought to keep quiet. They should respect the devotion.

"The state should not have a set prayer for students."

GEORGE PEARSON, 2638 Edmondson Ave. — "Religion has a part in public schools. But no person should be forced to have religion. A person has to desire it. In public schools each individual should have own freedom of choice.

"If you have freedom to choose that is your preference. The country is built on the freedom to choose."

MRS. THELMA FLEET, 2304 Westbrook Ave. — **"Religion has a place in public schools. Religion must be kept in all schools.**

"God is there whether they believe it or not. If they are in the classroom, they (non-Christians) should keep their mouths shut. I see no harm in saying the Lord's Prayer.

"They (the New York schools) can't tell a person what to pray.

"Each must pray his own prayer.

"There should be no religious preferences in public schools.

JIMMIE CLARK 1002 N. Strickland St. — "I would be wrong to force children to accept something they are not willing to do. What a man believes is his belief, whether he is right or wrong.

"I think that the Supreme Court's decision was right."

MRS. SALLY YOUNG, 1145 Myrtle Ave. — "Yes. Religion does have a role in public schools.

"It (prayer) should be required. If the students don't want to repeat it, they can keep their mouths shut.

"One faith should not have precedence in the schools."

JOSEPH JONES, 200 N. Aisquith St.—"With so many people with various views in the public schools, the Supreme Court's ruling prevents people from being ossified because of their views.

"If the child doesn't get it from home, he will not get it from one prayer in school.

"To solve the problem, let there be a minute of silence and let each member of the class say a silent prayer, if they want to pray.

"If a child does not belong to the Christian faith, he should not be required to repeat a Christian prayer. No faith should have precedence over another."

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AARON GRANDISON, 1621 Rosedale St., "That ruling is the most stupid thing I heard of.

"They ought not apply it to Maryland schools."

JOSEPH RIVERS, Orchard St., "I could see praying in school if we all had one faith, one church, one God as He planned it to be.

"It should not be in public schools. There are too many gions."

MRS. CHARLES HEMPHILL, 1606 Rutland Ave., "I see nothing unlawful about the prayer. If we strike out prayer, we might as well move to Russia where they don't allow it.

"Prayer ought to be kept in public schools."

GILBERT CLARK, 2825 Denham Circle, "I see nothing wrong with the prayer, but it should be unlawful to be told how to pray."

MRS. MABEL COOPER, 843 Edmondson Ave., "I see nothing unlawful about the prayer. I don't know if (the Supreme Court ruling) should be applied to Maryland schools.

MRS. MILDRED THOMAS, 109 N. Denison St., "My God! They are doing away with prayer and everything. There is no harm in a few moments of prayer.

"Whether it will apply to Maryland schools will depend upon the parents. The majority will win."

CHARLES A. GREEN JR., 467 Walton St., "Prayer doesn't hurt anybody. Let Maryland schools stay just as they are."

LAWRENCE DORSEY, 1816 N. Pulaski St., "There is nothing wrong with praying in school. Let it stay. We have had it all these years."

MRS. EMMAJEAN SMITH, 2103 N. Smallwood St., "I think that the prayer is alright. The ruling should not be applied to Maryland schools.

MAYOR J. HAROLD GRADY — "I believe that a basic recognition of the religious heritage of this country does have a part in public schools. I do not believe that this recognition should be directed to any particular organized religion.

"I would suggest that a voluntary participation by the student in a brief non-denominational exercise such as we presently have in Baltimore is satisfactory.

Court decree outlawing sec- "A child who does not be-

—Officials

WILLIAM SARTORIUS, superintendent, Baltimore County Schools, said "he would like to see moral and spiritual values taught in school but not teaching of religion, except in its historical context.

"The moral and spiritual values should be established attitudes and appreciations, and developed and permeated through the entire school.

"These same moral and spiritual values would satisfy all religious faiths," he believes.

Mr. Sartorius says that a child should not be obliged to repeat the prayer, rather it should be on a voluntary basis only.

No one religion should take precedence over another, Mr. Sartorius states.

ELI FRANK, attorney, president of the Board of School Commissioners, said:

"I rather expected them to decide that way because of the case in Pennsylvania. In that case children were excused from class during religious ceremonies, if their parents objected.

"I think that our ruling having been sustained by the highest court of appeals in the state, that we of the school board should abide by it."

Scripture and for the Lord's Prayer are read before class on a voluntary basis.)

"I am shocked by the decision of the Supreme Court, holding that the offering of a simple, non-denominational and voluntary prayer in the public schools of the state of New York is unconstitutional and therefore must be prohibited.

"Although I have not had the opportunity to read the full test of this decision, the action of the court seems to me to one more step toward complete secularization of public education in the United States.

"It is bound to have an effect on the entire culture of this nation. It is difficult, indeed to reconcile this decision with the court's previous statement that "We are a religious people."

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"No one faith should have precedence over another in the public schools where children of all faiths attend."

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COUNCILMAN WALTER T. DIXON: "I do not believe that religion has a part in public schools where we have many varied faiths. At the early morning opening of a school day, I would suggest the class stand, salute the flag, observe a moment of silence and be seated.

"A child who does not belong to the Christian faith should not be obliged to repeat a prayer which does not interpret God as his religion believes.

"No one faith should have precedence over another in public schools."

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SOLOMON LISS, attorney, and City Councilman, goes along with the Supreme Court decision.

"It was based on the principle of separation of church and state.

"The state will obviously have to go along with it because it is the law of the land."

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WARREN BUCKLER, attorney, "We all pay homage to some kind of a supreme order whether it be a god, a supreme being or an intelligence.

"I feel the Supreme Court ruling will have to apply in Maryland.

"We will have to obey the court because it is the law of the land, and the Maryland court of appeals will have to decide along with the Supreme Court."

DEHAVEN SMITH, attorney: "We must realize the question of whether or not what you say in any reference to any divine being, is a violation of the law depends on whether it conflicts with the first amendment to the Constitution — freedom of religion."

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TUCKER DEARING, attorney: "It's not unlawful as long as the state does not require it as a daily school exercise, as they did in New York."

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PAUL COCKRELL, attorney "I agree with the Supreme Court. that even though this country is supposed to be Christian orientated, the orientation should be free and not regulated.

"This is simply a throw - back to what the founders of this country left their homes for, to escape religion administered by the state."

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LEONARD KERPLEMAN, attorney, says the prayer is not criminally unlawful, but "It does offend against the first amendment to the Constitution — freedom of religion.

"It does not subtract from the school's teaching The Bible as history or literature," he said.

"You can't get around it because it is the supreme law of the land."

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SOLOMON BAYLOR, attorney: "I recognize the law of the land and I would go along with the Supreme Court decision.

"What the Supreme Court has said is that it is unlawful to force religious teaching on pupils in school."

THOMAS BARRETT attorney, believes religion does have a part in schools where there are varied faiths.

"Our fathers founded this country on a religious concept.

"Saying a prayer in the classroom doesn't have to interpret God as to any particular religion believes."

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ALLEN DAVIS JR., attorney, believes religion is part of everybody's education.

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SAMUEL GUTH, attorney, believes any religion taught in school should be on a non-sectarian basis.

"I don think a prayer interpret any particular God."

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BENJAMIN FOREMAN, moral and spiritual values have a place in the Schools attorney, feels religion does as a basis for building good moral and puritual values.

Mr. Foremen does not believe anything should take the place of the class prayer, nor that any one religious faith should take precedence over another in public schools."

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