

Prayer Warriors Team Up to Storm Capitol Hill

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1,000 to flight, two can put 10,000 to flight.

That's the reasoning behind the new alliance between the Congressional Prayer Team of Washington D.C. and the Telephonic Prayer Team. These prayer warriors are joining forces to hold the 112th Senate accountable to righteousness.

The groups sent an open letter to U.S. senators to remind them that prayer warriors are releasing daily prayers—praying for each senator by their full names. The groups will use the Bible as the standard to measure righteous lawmaking.

In other district-related prayer movements, the Congressional Prayer Caucus is under attack from the Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Led by U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes (R-Va.), the Prayer Caucus criticized President Barack Obama for telling an audience in Indonesia last month that the phrase "*E Pluribus Unum*" is a good summary of the American experience. The Prayer Caucus insists the national motto is "In God We Trust."

"For the president of the United States to incorrectly state something

as foundational
as our national motto in another country is unacceptable. The president is the primary representative of our nation to the world, and whether mistake or intention, his actions cast aside an integral part of American society," Forbes says. "President Reagan once warned that 'If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.'"

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Caucus also complained about Obama omitting the word "Creator" when quoting passages from the Declaration of Independence. The complaints drew the ire of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of the group, said the members of the Prayer Caucus need to "get a life."

"The Prayer Caucus should just admit that it is looking for any opportunity to bash the president. It's not very Christian of them, but I expect nothing less from a body that takes its marching orders from the religious right," Lynn says. "This is one of the silliest manufactured controversies I've ever seen, and I would advise the president to deal with it by tossing the caucus' letter into the nearest wastebasket."