

Lessons From Franklin Graham's Prayer at RNC 2024

The Republican National Convention was held this past week in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Democratic convention is scheduled for August in Chicago, Illinois. Franklin Graham, son of the late evangelist Billy Graham and president/CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, was invited to give the traditional invocation on the event's final night. We can learn from Graham's approach and prayer.

Prayer and Politics

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Author and prophetic voice Jennifer LeClaire shared four truths about prayer and politics that formed a biblical foundation for Graham's RNC remarks and prayer:

1. God can turn the hearts of kings (Prov. 21:1). In America's case, that translates to political leaders. Our prayers for godly counsel to surround political leaders empower the Holy Spirit to move.
2. Interceding for those in authority is a biblical command (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
3. Pray urgently for all elected leaders (Eph. 6:12).
4. Pray for leaders who don't know Christ to be born again (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

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At the RNC's closing event, Graham began his remarks by blunting any "church/state" criticism by assuring attendees he was invited to and was participating in the secular event "as a private citizen who loves this country." His religious remarks and intentional prayer preceded performances by Hulk Hogan and Kid Rock.

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