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Republican National Convention, 1948.

Prayers Offered At Convention

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Text of the invocation delivered by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of the Temple of Cleveland, before the Republican National Convention last night:

Our Kind Father in Heaven:
Upon all who are gathered here we



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invoke Thy blessing. Give them the understanding heart wisely to consider and deliberate. Enable them to see clearly the tasks which confront them, and endow them with courage to match their hour.

O, God of our fathers:
We have been richly blessed as a Nation,

not because of any merit in ourselves, but because of Thine abundant goodness. Our spacious land is planted in the good soil of freedom, and out of the bounty of our earth and the labors of our people power and wealth have come to us in satisfying measure. Give us the grace to employ our power responsibly and our resources benevolently.

At home guide us in the ways of justice and brotherhood, so that the dwelling places of our citizens may be secure and their habitations in peace. For only through righteousness is a nation exalted, and through tolerance and fellowship is its harmony preserved.

Abroad may we be the harbingers of hope, healing and reconciliation to the peoples of the earth who have been so sorely riven and ravaged by war. In all things help this Nation. O Father of nations, to be a source of life-renewal and faith-replenishment to all mankind.

Bless all who will labor here with heart and mind, in loyalty and devotion, to preserve our cherished traditions, to strengthen our democratic institutions and to fulfill the rich promise of American life.

The meditations of their hearts find favor in Thy sight, and establish Thou the work of their hands.
Amen.