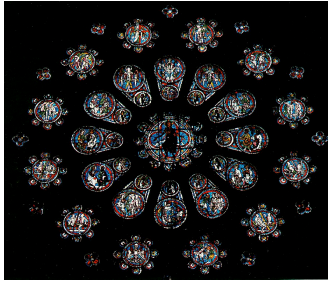


Invocation, Thanksgiving And Petitions



West Point Society Luncheon 05 June 2008, Seattle

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Thank you for all who make life good and fun and holy and virtuous.

Thank you for our wonderful motherland, her superb Constitution, her deep religious heritage, her spirit of generosity, her eagerness to work, her commitment to the principle of deservedness and her esteem for professional competence.

Today these our motherland's accomplishments are mocked by calumniators foreign and domestic.

Abandon us not to their confusion. Give us strength to hold our consciousness bound to truth. Deliver us from all the easy speeches that comfort cruel men. Give us courage to laugh at the antics of claque.

As she always does, our motherland calls her sons, daughters and friends of The Long Gray Line to protect her Constitution, to preserve her integrity,

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