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Avinu She'ba'shamayim - Our Father in Heaven:

Do Thou bestow Thy divine blessings upon all those here gathered -- them, their families, and our great country whose democratic mission is enhanced by the services they perform.

Teach us that Thy word must be heard not only in sanctuaries but in the market place as well; that it is to be evoked in church and synagogue, but implemented in home and in office, in factory and in bank. Teach us to be aware of Thy will in every phase of our lives; to be devout not only when we pray but also when we engage in commerce; to achieve noble integrity even whilst we pursue our livelihood; to the end that the blessing of peace and tranquility, of serenity and harmony be ours at all times.

Remind us that we deal with more than monies and materials -- but also with men and women, possessed of immortal souls. Help us thereby to spread kindness and gentleness, honor and decency, so that our labors

and talents be used for the good of our country, the betterment of our fellow-man, and the service of Thee our G-d. Help us to remember at all times that life is a trust, that our years are given to us on credit, that we must invest heavily in faith in G-d and decency towards man, and that only through righteous deeds can we forge a bond to Thee, O Lord. For we were created in Thy image, and our mission in life is to imitate, but never impersonate, Thee.

May the practical prose of our professional lives be graced with the poetry of pure intentions and the principles of peace and piety. May this be Thy blessing upon us. Amen.