

The Coppel City Council (and all other city councils, senates, houses, etc. in this country) begins with a religious invocation. Slowly, non-Biblical representatives are being invited across the country. For instance, the Ohio Senate began with a Jain prayer a few years ago and several other senates and houses (including at the Capitol Hill in DC) have begun with Hindu/Buddhist invocations/prayers in the last few years.

On Tuesday November 12, 2019, Dr. Pankaj Jain, associate professor (and practitioner) of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism, offered the invocation based on Jainism at the Coppel City Council:

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(begins at 5.45)

A JAIN PRAYER OF NON-VIOLENCE, LOVE, AND PEACE

WE BOW BEFORE ALL PERFECT SOULS.

WE BOW BEFORE ALL LIBERATED SOULS.

WE BOW BEFORE THE HEADS OF ALL CONGREGATIONS.

WE BOW BEFORE ALL THE ASCETIC TEACHERS.

WE BOW BEFORE ALL THE SPIRITUAL ASPIRANTS IN THE UNIVERSE.

This fivefold salutation, which destroys all sins, is preeminent as the most auspicious.

May all beings be well and peaceful.

May all beings be happy, may all beings be free from disease and pain.

May all behold the good and gracious.



May Jinas protect us all, and preserve us.

May Jinas make us strong and make our studies successful.

May we never develop enmity.

O Lord Jina, we pray that all participants in this meeting be guided in their thoughts,

words and actions to achieve the greatest good for all.

O Lord Jina let them be filled with knowledge and wisdom so that work they are about to

undertake may meet the standards for the good of our people.

O Lord Jina, we thank you, bless us with your greatness and care, gracefully protect us and guide us. Form the midst of this noble assembly of the leaders from all over our City

of Coppell, in all humility, we pray to you that we be granted the strength to achieve the

Truth. For it is only then that we may be of service to our fellow residents.

We are aware of the need of your love. Only grace and righteousness can keep us from

doing harm to anyone or anything.

Let us conclude our prayer with a hymn for love, peace and friendship of Lord Mahavira.



“We grant forgiveness to all living beings and let all living beings grant forgiveness to us.

We are on friendly terms with all and have no animosity towards anybody.”

“May the entire universe attain bliss; may all beings be oriented to the interest of others;

let all fault be eliminated; and may people be happy everywhere”.

Om Peace! Shanti! Shanti! Shanti

Acknowledgment – The above invocation is a condensed version from a similar invocation offered at the Ohio Senate in the wake of September 11th, 2001, written and organized by Dr. Tansukh Salgia, ex-President of JAINA.





Nonviolence is the Supreme Virtue – Lord Mahavira, the 24th Great Teacher of Jainism