

Gracious God, we depend on you for every good gift, for each day of life, for every breath we take, and we give you thanks. We give thanks for the blessings that fill our lives, for the gifts of family and friends, for the wonders of creation, for diverse talents and abilities. We give thanks for shelter over our heads, and for food that fills our bellies.

We are mindful of the most vulnerable in our state. We are mindful of those who lack shelter. We remember that there are those who lack food. We know that there are those who need care for broken bodies and ailing minds. We pray for all who live in Minnesota, for the powerful and the powerless, and we give thanks for a system of government that gives all people a voice.

We ask that your blessing be with members of the House of Representatives today, and throughout the legislative session, as they do the work of the people. We pray that the needs of the state of Minnesota may be addressed. We pray for open ears and open hearts. We pray for respectful, honest debate and for discerning minds. We pray for the courage of conviction and for the courage that allows a change of heart. We pray for a healthy process, for healthy government, and for a healthier state of Minnesota because of the work of this house. Amen.