

Dear LORD, we thank you that we can come before you in prayer every day of the year and not just today. But today, LORD, we want to pray specifically for those who are in positions of authority in our community, state, and nation. LORD, I want to thank you for state representative Howard Marklein. We thank you that you have placed him in a position of authority, LORD, and in a place where he has the ability to make decisions regarding the laws of the state of Wisconsin. We pray, LORD, that you would give him wisdom when he is voting on legislation so that he can support those laws which bring glory to you. We pray, LORD, that you would help him to navigate the tricky and often muddied waters of politics with integrity, and that you would preserve him from mistakes that might mar his reputation. We also pray, LORD, for the other areas of representative Marklein's life, for his family, his friends, and all of the other things that aren't quite as visible as his political work. I don't know representative Marklein very well, LORD, but I assume that he is human like the rest of us, which means that he also has struggles with these other things in life. We pray, LORD, that you would fill his life with your peace, and that you would help him to focus on the task that you have for him without getting distracted by the tests and trials that you allow us all to go through. Lastly, LORD, we pray for representative Marklien's walk with you. We pray that he would be built up by the Christian brothers and sisters around him, and that you would continue to work in his life and grow him in the faith day by day. Most of all, LORD, we pray that you would use the influence of representative Marklien to draw others to yourself and the salvation that you give. We pray this all in your name. Amen.

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