

City of Kansas City, Missouri – Inaugural Ceremony

Benediction

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And now, Gracious God,
Sovereign of all sovereigns,
Whose *magisterium tremendum*
dwarfs all of our meager magistrations,
Whose grace is more glorious than any telling of it,
Whose wisdom is supreme,
Whose truth can steer one and all with surety –

Our elected officials have heard a call to serve, and they each have said, “Send me.”
So send them!

Send them *forth* with faith in the right and hope for the good,
no matter what difficult days may come.

Send them *out* into the mix and the meaning of real life
with all of its real problems
requiring real solutions
enacted by real people
in real time.

Send them *deep* into the hearts of the citizens of Kansas City
and the cares of all people of good will everywhere.

Send them *upward* to the highest reaches of the boldest expressions of excellence
that is humanly possible.

And, as you send *them*, send us all!

Send us forth and out and deep and ever upward as people who are defined by the best that
is within us.

Send us all with our eyes keenly focused on the positive and the possible.

Send us all ever mindful of the joys that come from fulfilling the psalmist 's charge:

Make glad the city! Make glad the city! Make glad the city! AMEN.