



The Pray In Jesus' Name Project

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Dear Governor Tim Kaine:

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*Judge Roy Moore
Moral Law Foundation*

*Colonel Jim Ammerman
Chaplaincy of Full
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*Miss Janet Folger
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*Rev. Rob Schenck
Faith And Action*

*Mr. William P. Farley
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Mr. Mark McWilliams

Mr. Ron Watrous

It has come to our attention that your Police Superintendent Col. Flaherty has unilaterally created and enforced a strict "non-sectarian" prayer policy that prohibited Virginia State Police Chaplains from praying "in Jesus name" at public events.

It has further come to our attention that you endorsed Flaherty's verbal policy, and supported the forced resignation of six police chaplains who could not violate their conscience, nor water-down their public prayers.

By defending religious discrimination, you endorse anti-Christian persecution, and prohibit free speech, literally censoring the word "Jesus" as illegal speech by chaplains. Is this your intention? It has been your action.

Certainly you've studied *Fredericksburg v. Turner* enough to realize that court didn't universalize any ban on Jesus-prayers, rather it gave the government three options: 1) create a non-sectarian prayer policy, 2) schedule a rotating prayer policy among diverse religions (including Jesus-prayers), or 3) appoint chaplains to pray as their own faith dictates.

We formally request you adopt policy 2 or 3, not 1, which is fully within your power. Please sign the attached order.

The 86 Virginia pastors who responded to our AFA email by pledging to vote will support you, or oppose you, depending on the action you take now. Please reinstate the six chaplains who lost their chaplain jobs because of Flaherty's bad policy.

I am considering organizing a "Stand Up For Jesus Name" prayer-walk from the legislature to the governor's mansion on November 1st, 2008 at 10am. If we do march, you are invited to address the crowd, and give them your reply to this letter.

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Klingenschmitt". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt