

# Navigating Family Prayer

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Well, I hope they just leave it alone, then! Maybe they'll put you in the "prayers of the faithful", lol. I think you are right about political clustering and increased religiosity.

When I am in other groups and a prayer comes up, my response varies. Sometimes I just don't care one way or the other, and I just bow my head as if I am praying. But if I'm feeling more adventurous, I keep my head up and my eyes open, and I look around to see who else is. I've met some fellow non-believers that way. I wink at them.

It comes up for me in board meetings, student graduation ceremonies, political forums... our City Council always opens with a prayer, and they put the atheists, Wiccans, etc into the rotation so they can get away with it. Here is a local atheist doing an invocation. Ha! That was ok with them because it was idealistic. But I might make 'em faint if I did an invocation to pleasure!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cYLC48aZyc&feature=youtu.be>