



**Statement by Dr. Rick Warren, Pastor of Saddleback Church
Regarding the Invitation from President-elect Obama to Deliver
the Inaugural Invocation
Lake Forest, Calif., Dec. 18, 2008**

“I commend President-elect Obama for his courage to willingly take enormous heat by inviting someone like me, with whom he doesn’t agree on every issue, to offer the Invocation at his historic Inaugural ceremony.

Hopefully individuals passionately expressing opinions from the left and the right will recognize that both of us have shown a commitment to model civility in America.

The Bible admonishes us to pray for our leaders. I am honored by this opportunity to pray God’s blessing on the office of the President and its current and future inhabitant, asking the Lord to provide wisdom to America’s leaders during this critical time in our nation’s history.”

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