

POLITICALLY CORRECT?

We live in a time when the great concern voiced across America is that everything must be “politically correct.”

Washington, D.C., comic Mark Russell warns of requiring prayer in the public schools and of finding a prayer that fits everyone’s religious background.

He suggests the following generic prayer:

Our Father or Mother, who art either in Heaven, Nirvana, Mecca or Salt Lake City, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, providing Thy will is that America is always the big winner over the foreign heathen.



Give us this day our daily white bread, black bread, Italian bread, Jewish rye, English muffins, or tacos, and a quarter-pounder with cheese and a large fries to go.

And lead us not into temptation, or into school buses that take us to neighborhoods where the kids are different. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, especially for people who still use words like “Thine.”

Certainly, we must be sensitive – and appreciative – of the diversity in our nation. But as Russell’s “prayer” affirms, it can be taken to the extreme.

If nothing else, perhaps his idea tickled your funny bone, which was his intention.

– Beecher Hunter