

My name is Don Mueller

I'm the new CEO at Children's Hospital at Erlanger and I am honored to be with you tonight.

As a member of the Children's Hospital Association of Tennessee, I think I speak for all of us saying a very special thank you for what you do each and everyday to help the children of this grate state and their families.

As the CEO of a Children's Hospital I see the hard work and dedication displayed by our EMS family each and every day. You deal with families during the worst times of their lives, and you do it with professionalism and understanding that can only come from God's Grace.

When you work in a hospital, you often hear from people that tell you, "you are doing God's work". As I look around this room tonight, I am humbled to see the real angles and hero's among us.

Some of you may know that today is the National Day of Prayer. Today, members of many different faiths gathered at over 47,000 locations to pray for our nation and our leaders.

Now while I know you have asked me to bless this meal, I am going to take the liberty to also ask that you join me in praying for our nation and it's leaders.

Please join me in prayer;

Lord, as members of different faiths, we collectively ask for your help and guidance and blessing over the United States of America.

Now more then ever lord, we look to you, to show us your way.

We ask that your grace guide our current and future leaders to govern with thoughtfulness, kindness, and humility

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity for us to spend precious time together as we hear story after story tonight that illustrates, just how precious life really is.

We ask for you blessing on those who are not hear tonight, those who were touched by the men and women in this room, who joined you in your kingdom

We ask that you send down your blessing on your servants;

These Men and Women who generously devote themselves to a life of helping others.

Grant them courage, when they are afraid

Wisdom, when they must make quick decisions,
Strength when they are tired
Safety when they are in harms way
And compassion in all they do.

And we ask that you grant them peace and comfort, knowing that you have a plan.

Lord, we give you thanks for providing us this meal.

We know that this meal is a sign of your love for us.

We ask that you bless our food

And that it gives us the nourishment we need to continue to do things that are
pleasing to you.

We ask this and all that we do in your name.

Amen.