

Muslim Lawmaker Says Prayer in Name of Jesus is Islamophobic - March 25, 2019

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Pennsylvania's first female Muslim lawmaker in the General Assembly accused a Republican colleague of Islamophobia after she opened a legislative session with a prayer that invoked the name of Jesus Christ.

"Jesus, you are our only hope," Rep. Stephanie Borowicz prayed. "At the name of Jesus, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus, that you are Lord."

Movita Johnson-Harrell, who was sworn into office after the prayer, said the prayer was "highly offensive to me, my guests, and other members of the House."

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Borowicz delivered the prayer shortly before Movita Johnson-Harrell — the first Muslim woman elected to the General Assembly — was sworn in.

"It blatantly represented the Islamophobia that exists among some leaders — leaders that are supposed to represent the people," Johnson-Harrell said in a statement published by the [Pennsylvania Capital Star](#). "I came to the Capitol to help build bipartisanship and collaborations regardless of race or religion to enhance the quality of life for everyone in the Commonwealth."

A number of Democrats, including House Minority Whip Jordan Harris, accused the freshman lawmaker of weaponizing her religion to "intimidate, demean and degrade" Johnson-Harrell.

"Let me be clear. I am a Christian. I spend my Sunday mornings in church worshiping and being thankful for all that I have," [Harris told PennLive.com](#). "But in no way does that mean I would flaunt my religion at those who worship differently than I do. There is no room in our Capitol building for actions such as this, and it's incredibly disappointing that today's opening prayer was so divisive."

So this is the prayer that the Democrats considered to be demeaning, degrading and Islamophobic:

"Jesus, I thank you for this privilege Lord of letting me pray God. That, I, Jesus am your ambassador today. Standing here representing you – the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Great I Am, the One who is coming back again, the one who came, died and rose again on the third day. I'm so privileged to stand here today. So thank you for this honor, Jesus.

"God, for those that came before us like George Washington in Valley Forge and Abraham Lincoln who sought after you in Gettysburg and the Founding Fathers in Independence Hall – Jesus – that sought after you and fasted and prayed for this nation to be founded on your principles and your words and your truths.

"God forgive us. Jesus we've lost sight of you. We've forgotten you, God, in our country. And we are asking you to forgive us, Jesus. Your promise in your word says if my people who are called by name will humble themselves and pray and seek your face and turn from their wicked ways that you'll heal our land. Jesus, you are our only hope.

“God , I pray for our leaders – Speaker Turzi, Leader Culter, Governor Wolf, President Trump. Lord, thank you that he stands beside Israel unequivocally Lord. Thank you that – Jesus – that we are blessed because we stand by Israel and we ask for the peace of Jerusalem as your word says God.

“We ask that we not be overcome by evil and that we overcome evil with good in this land once again. I claim all these things in the powerful, mighty name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that you Jesus are lord. In Jesus name Amen.”

In other words, Borowicz prayed the way the Bible commands us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for our elected leaders and in the name of Jesus.

But Pennsylvania Democrats were clearly triggered by the name of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Democrat Rep. Margo Davidson shouted “objection” near the end of the lawmaker’s prayer.

“As an evangelical Christian, I was offended by [the prayer’s] lack of humility or care or, dare I say, love for a human being duly elected by [her] district,” Davidson said in remarks reported by the Pennsylvania Capital-Star. “It was mean spirited.”

House Democratic Leader Frank Dermody said the prayer should’ve been more inclusive and inspirational.

“This morning on a very important day, on a day when we’re swearing in a new member, the first woman Muslim serving in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in history, there was a prayer that was not meant to inspire us,” he told PennLive.com.

Well, if the Democrats wanted a prayer that would have inspired the Muslims, perhaps they should’ve asked an Imam to delivering the opening prayer.

“It was not meant to bring us together, it was not meant to inspire us, it was beneath the dignity of this House,” [he told WIFE.](#)

It’s hard to imagine that praying in the name of the Almighty is beneath the dignity of anyone – much less a bunch of Jesus-hating Democrats.

State rep threatened with censure over pre-session prayer

A state representative in Pennsylvania is being condemned by fellow lawmakers and her governor for a Christ-centered invocation, but there are others coming to her defense.

“I think it was very refreshing for many of us to hear Jesus' name invoked on Monday,” Diane Gramley, president of the [American Family Association of Pennsylvania](#), says of the pre-session prayer delivered by state Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (*pictured above*).

The prayer, which lasted approximately two minutes, has been criticized because the state rep delivered it moments before Rep. Movita Johnson-Harrell, a Muslim lawmaker, was being sworn into office.

Gov. Tom Wolfe has said he was "horrified" by the invocation and Johnson-Harrell herself has said she was offended, too, because she felt it was directed at her.

The Associated Press reported that Borowicz was indirectly criticized by Rep. Mike Turzai, the Republican House Speaker. After the prayer, he read from House rules that advise keeping remarks respectful of other religious beliefs.

In her prayer, Borowicz stated that “at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,” a reference to Philippians 2:10, and she also mentioned President Donald Trump and support for Israel.

Rep. Johnson-Harrell has [since told the media](#) (*see video below*) she supports censuring Rep. Borowicz to promote “inclusion” in the state legislature.

“It's a travesty to try to censure anybody's prayer,” responds Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas. “We respect the right of Muslims to worship the god that they have created. We also have a right to worship our God.”

The Pennsylvania Capital-Star newspaper reported the Republican lawmaker mentioned “Jesus” 13 times, “God” six times, and “Lord” four times in what the newspaper described as a “rambling” prayer.

A misleading *Washington Post* headline, posted on Twitter, implied Borowicz was asking God for “forgiveness” before a Muslim was sworn in.

Gramley, meanwhile, tells OneNewsNow she disagreed when Gov. Wolfe said he was apologizing on behalf of all Pennsylvanians.

“But I'm sorry, Governor Wolfe,” she responds, “I do not believe all Pennsylvanians were offended by Rep. Borowicz's prayer on Monday.”

The following day, after Borowicz's prayer, the chamber applauded after Muslim lawmaker Democrat Jason Dawkins opened the session by reading from the Koran.

“Muslims get to read from the Quran the day afterward and they're applauded,” complains Gramley, “while we have a state representative voicing a Christian prayer and she's being demonized.”

COMMENTS

• I despise Islam and would be greatly pleased if the barbarians were not allowed to enter the USA. I would be ecstatic if those Somali barbarians were sent back to the cesspool in Africa where they belong. With that in mind... that long-winded gal spewing that prayer nauseates me. Keep it SHORT, sweetheart. Do not impose your belief blathering upon innocent folks. The country is FULL of churches where you can preach to the choir.

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• • Has she EVER read the quran? It is chock full of things to; fear, hatred, or mistrust of Muslims or of Islam. I think the term has gotten a bad rap. Some of the things they say to do to non believers can make any one Fear, hatred, or mistrust of Muslims or of Islam. So I feel I have every right to fear I SLAM !! Besides, I can not think of one thing they have done to better mankind! Just make mankind fear and loathe them. One needs to remember I SLAM was thunk up by a mentally disturbed person, while living in a cave during latter part of 500's.

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- But we Christians are suppose to be silent while we are attacked day in and day out have American hating politicians do everything they can to dismiss Jesus and the Bible from our culture and government. While milk toast in name only Christian politicians support the most viscous religion on the planet Islam millions of Christians have been murdered for simply being Christian.
- Muslims are coming to this country not to enjoy the freedoms we have but to change this country into into the craphole that they came from.

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- • We have freedom of religion, and speech in the US. These rights are Constitutionally guaranteed. If exercising our rights offends Muslims, they could always move somewhere without these freedoms.

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Headed towards Rev War Two when we oust the barbarians and greatly curtail the USA citizen cult members since it is not a religion. Islam is a governance and morality and cultural system that is forced upon those Islam invades.

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