On September 7, 1774, at the convening of the first Congress of the United States, one of the first acts was to lift the new nation up in prayer. The Rev. Jacob Duche opened the Continental Congress with prayer, which established a Congressional tradition that continues to this day. Opening the session, he read Psalm 35 and then broke into extemporaneous prayer.

 T.H. Matteson's painting “The First Prayer in Congress”

Today on WIBC's Garrison program, Congressman Pence discussed the first gathering of the

Republican Caucus for the 112th Congress, which occurred this week in Washington. Congressman Pence opened the meeting by reading Psalm 35 and with prayer. **L isten to Congressman Pence discuss the prayer on Garrison (Click on 11-18-10B)**
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