

TAPE FOR WEEK MARCH 12

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

AMERICA FACES GREAT CHALLENGES TODAY -- SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND STRIVING FOR WORLD PEACE -- BUT, THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL TEST OF OUR SPIRIT COME AT HOME WHERE WE MUST FORTIFY THE AMERICAN FAMILY. I HAVE OFTEN STATED THAT A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE DEPENDS UPON A STRONG DOMESTIC HOMEFRONT.

I HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A STRONG AND VIBRANT FAMILY UPBRINGING, AND I FEEL STRONGLY THAT RELIGION IS ESSENTIAL TO A GOOD LIFE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. THAT IS WHY PRAYER IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY FAMILY'S EVERYDAY LIFE.

PRAYER IS THE VEHICLE MOST OFTEN USED TO MAINTAIN OUR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY. IT GIVES US FOCUS, PROVIDES US DIRECTION, AND SERVES TO MAINTAIN OUR INNER PEACE. IF WE ARE INDEED A NATION THAT PUTS IT'S TRUST IN GOD, WE SHOULD BRING GOD INTO OUR LIVES WITH PRAYER.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.