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Nixon Tells Worshippers Of Peace

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President Nixon participated in a prayer of thanks at a White House worship service yesterday to observe "the first time in nine years the United States is at peace."

The Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale also summoned the congregation, made up mostly of congressmen and their families, to "give thanks because the guns are being silenced all over the world and the prisoners of war are coming home."

"A generation of peace does indeed lie ahead," said the Rev. Mr. Peale. "We have peace with honor ... and the men and women who gave their lives — wherever they are — are gladdened in their hearts that peace has been attained."

In opening remarks, Mr. Nixon described the Rev. Mr. Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, as "our family preacher" when the Nixons lived in New York. The Rev. Mr. Peale returned the compliment, saying that he had known Mr. Nixon for many years and had for him "unbounded admiration as a friend and leader and also affection."

About 300 members of the House and Senate were specially invited to the service. Mr. Nixon in his welcome noted that they were "a bipartisan group representing all parts of the country."

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