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Inaugural Prayers in History

Diversity Matrix

Use the data found in this matrix as support in a writing assignment that responds to the following questions:

- What do all of these faith leaders have in common?
- Have U.S. presidents shown a consistent preference for some kinds of faith over others?
- Have past U.S. presidents shown a preference for faith over atheism?

FAITH LEADER	PRESIDENT	YEAR	RACE/ETHNICITY	RELIGION/DENOMINATION
Chaplain ZeBarney Phillips	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1937	White	Christian/Episcopalian
Father John Ryan	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1937	White	Christian/Catholic
Chaplain ZeBarney Phillips	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1941	White	Christian/Episcopalian
Father Michael J. Ready	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1941	White	Christian/Catholic
Bishop Angus Dun	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1945	White	Christian/Episcopalian
Monsignor John A. Ryan	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1945	White	Christian/Catholic
Rev. Edward Hughes Pruden	Harry S. Truman	1949	White	Christian/Baptist
Rabbi Samuel Thurman	Harry S. Truman	1949	White	Jewish
Father Patrick O'Boyle	Harry S. Truman	1949	White	Christian/Catholic
Father Patrick O'Boyle	Dwight D Eisenhower	1953	White	White
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953	White	Jewish
Rev. Henry Know Sherrill	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953	White	Episcopalian
Rev Edward L.R. Elson	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1957	White	Presbyterian
His Eminence Michael	Dwight D Eisenhower	1957	White	Greek Orthodox
Rabbi Louis Frankelstien	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1957	White	Jewish
Cardinal Richard Mooney	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1957	White	Christian/Catholic
Cardinal Richard Cushing	John F. Kennedy	1961	White	Christian/Catholic

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His Eminence Iakovos	John F. Kennedy	1961	White	Greek Orthodox
Rabbi Nelson Glueck	John F. Kennedy	1961	White	Jewish
Archbishop Robert E. Lucey	Lyndon B. Johnson	1965	White	Christian/Catholic
Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel	Lyndon B. Johnson	1965	White	Greek Orthodox
Rev. Dr. George R. Davis	Lyndon B. Johnson	1965	White	Christian/Disciples of Christ
His Eminence Iakovos	Lyndon B. Johnson	1965	White	Greek Orthodox
Rev. Charles Ewbank Tucker	Richard M. Nixon	1969	Black	Christian/African Methodist Episcopalian
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin	Richard M. Nixon	1969	White	Jewish
His Eminence Iakovos	Richard M. Nixon	1969	Black	Christian/African Methodist Episcopalian
Rev. Billy Graham	Richard M. Nixon	1969	White	Christian/Southern Baptist
Archbishop Terence J. Cooke	Richard M. Nixon	1969	White	Catholic
Rev E.V. Hill	Richard M. Nixon	1973	Black	Christian/Baptist
Rabbi Seymour Siegel	Richard M. Nixon	1973	White	Jewish
His Eminence Iakovos	Richard M. Nixon	1973	White	Greek Orthodox
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Archbishop Terence J. Cooke	Richard M. Nixon	1973	White	Christian/Catholic
Rev. William Cannon	James E. Carter	1977	White	Christian/Methodist
Archbishop John R Roach	James E. Carter	1977	White	Christian/Catholic
Rev. Donn Moomaw	Ronald W. Reagan	1981	White	Christian/Presbyterian
Rev. Timothy S. Healy	Ronald W. Reagan	1985	White	Christian/Catholic

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Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk	Ronald W. Reagan	1985	White	Jewish
Rev. Donn Moomaw	Ronald W.Reagan	1985	White	Christian/Presbyterian
Rev. Peter Gomes	Ronald W.Reagan	1985	Black	Christian/Baptist
Rev. Billy Graham	George HW Bush	1989	White	Christian/Southern Baptist
Rev. Billy Graham	William J. Clinton	1993	White	Christian/Southern Baptist
Rev. Billy Graham	William J. Clinton	1997	White	Christian/Southern Baptist
Rev. Gardner C. Taylor	William J. Clinton	1997	Black	Christian/Methodist
Rev. Franklin Graham	George W. Bush	2001	White	Christian/Southern Baptist
Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell	George W. Bush	2001	Black	Christian/Methodist
Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell	George W. Bush	2005	Black	Christian/Methodist
Reverend Dr. Luis León	George W. Bush	2005	Latino/ Hispanic	Episcopal
Rick Warren	Barack H. Obama	2009	White	Christian, Southern Baptist
Rev. Joseph Lowery	Barack H. Obama	2009	Black	Christian/Methodist
Myrlie Evers-Williams	Barack H. Obama	2013	Black	Non-clergy
Reverend Dr. Luis León	Barack H. Obama	2013	Latino/ Hispanic	Episcopal

Source inaugural.senate.gov/swearing-in/chronology