

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1213**

**TITLE:** Resolution Calling on the University of Florida Administration to Establish A Designated Large-Scale Religious Prayer Space on Campus

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**WHEREAS,** the University of Florida Campus is home to a multitude of religious-affiliated organizations, ranging from denominations within Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, and Hinduism - just to name a few; and,

**WHEREAS,** some organizations such as GatorWesley and Baptist Collegiate Ministry have established locations across campus where they can conduct a multitude of services in tandem with their regular religious practices [1]; and,

**WHEREAS,** student organizations without an established location for their prayer space sometimes struggle to find consistent prayer spaces on campus where their organization can conduct mass prayer consistently; and,

**WHEREAS,** the importance of providing opportunities for many religious organizations on campus to have a consistent space of prayer will help to reinforce consistent traditions on campus and help defend a wide range of religious expression across campus; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the University of Florida Student Senate advocates to the University of Florida Administration to create a designated large-scale religious prayer space on campus for religious-centered student organizations who may not have established spaces within the greater University of Florida campus area.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Dr. Benjamin Sasse, Center for Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement Dr. Patrica Jordan, Islam on Campus*

*President Omar Ateyah, Greenhouse College President Precious Obiagwu, and Pakistani Student Association President Aaron Sindhu.*

[1] - <https://multicultural.ufl.edu/resources/cmc/>

  
Oscar Santiago Perez  
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