NFSPS, INC and the Georgia Poetry Society are pleased to announce the Invocational Poems Contest for Convention 2024.

Subject: No cash prizes, but winning invocational poems will be read by winners at the beginning of convention meals.

Criteria: The paramount consideration is poetic value, not religious orthodoxy: “It must be first of all a poem.” Poems should be suitable for a religiously diverse membership, should use gender-inclusive, contemporary language, and should have equal value for the religious and the non-religious.

Form: Any form, not to exceed 30 lines. Name the form on your entry.

Eligibility: Open to all poets. No fee to enter.  Limits: 4 Poems per poet. Must be the original work of the poet, unpublished, not submitted elsewhere for publication, and not a previous host-contest winning poem. Typed or printed from the computer. One poem per page.

Opening: Send entries after January 1, 2024. Deadline: April 30, 2024, postmark.

Winners: Notified individually by mail in April of the year 2024. We place a high value on your reading of your own poem, but we will provide a substitute reader if you cannot be present at the convention in June.

Copies: Two. Your name and postal address and name of your chosen form at upper right corner of one; name of contest and chosen form only in upper right corner of the other. Poems will not be returned.

Ownership: NFSPS receives the right to have the poem read at this convention. You retain all other rights.

 Mail entries to: Susan Chambers 700 Agency Trail, Unit 202, Mankato, MN 56001

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