



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the 73rd observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme “Lift up the Word, Light up the World” based on 2 Samuel 22:29-31, “For You are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God — His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him”; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307 in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we, like President Truman on the first National Day of Prayer, “beseech God to grant us wisdom to know the course which we should follow, and strength and patience to pursue that course steadfastly” throughout our state, nation, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2024, to be

DAY OF PRAYER

in Missouri and commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 12th day of April, 2024.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE