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PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

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National Day of Prayer, 2008

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

America trusts in the abiding power of prayer and asks for the wisdom to discern God's will in times of joy and of trial. As we observe this National Day of Prayer, we recognize our dependence on the Almighty, we thank Him for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, and we put our country's future in His hands.

From our Nation's humble beginnings, prayer has guided our leaders and played a vital role in the life and history of the United States. Americans of many different faiths share the profound conviction that God listens to the voice of His children and pours His grace upon those who seek Him in prayer. By surrendering our lives to our loving Father, we learn to serve His eternal purposes, and we are strengthened, refreshed, and ready for all that may come.

On this National Day of Prayer, we ask God's continued blessings on our country. This year's theme, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield," is taken from Psalm 28:7, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped." On this day, we pray for the safety of our brave men and women in uniform, for their families, and for the comfort and recovery of those who have been wounded.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, has called on our Nation to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society by recognizing each year a "National Day of Prayer."

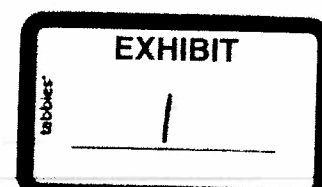
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as a National Day of Prayer. I ask the citizens of our Nation

to give thanks, each according to his or her own faith, for the freedoms and blessings we have received and for God's continued guidance, comfort, and protection. I invite all Americans to join in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of salvation is to restore lost people to relationship with God our Father. Through the cross of Jesus, the barriers to that relationship were removed. When we begin to trust God once again and turn from our sin, He comes into our lives to begin a new relationship of love with us. God is in every true Christian (Romans 8:9,10; John 14:23; Revelation 3:20; 2 Corinthians 13:5). Our faith and love towards God will lead us to recognize His presence with us, to talk with Him, to listen to Him, to sense Him. This is prayer. We express our thanks, our faith, our love, our hopes with God in prayer, and we receive from Him answers, assurance, guidance, peace, strength, power, revelation of who He is and what He wants to do. (Matthew 7:7-8; John 16:13; Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 1:17,18)

WHAT IS PRAYER?

For true Christians, prayer [Gk: "proseuche"] is "communion with God". Through prayer we actually experience relationship with God. The quality of our prayer life then determines the quality of our relationship with God. Prayer is talking with God. Prayer is listening to God. Prayer is enjoying the presence of God. It can take many forms - for example: worship, confession, thanksgiving, praise, petition (asking for things), waiting (silent, listening and sensing of God) and warfare (command). If we are baptized in the Spirit we can pray with the spirit, in languages unknown to us but not to God. (1 Corinthians 14:2,14).

Prayer is not simply saying words. It is not repeating formulas. God is looking for heartfelt relationship. We are told by Jesus not to make meaningless repetitions of words when we pray. (Mathew 6:7). Tongues may be meaningless to our understanding, but it is not to God. In a future lesson we will give more attention to this subject.

There is a lot of prayer that never reaches God. "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself" (Luke 18:11). "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer shall be an abomination." (Proverbs 28:9). It is outside the scope of this lesson to talk about prayers offered to false gods or to the devil. Also, we will not look at religious prayers or traditional prayers that can be uttered without heart. We will be considering prayers that come from one who has repented of his sins to the best of his knowledge, and who walks by faith.

WHY PRAY?

1. We pray because we love God. We spend time with God in prayer and communion because we love him. Just as a man and woman in love desire to be together and communicate, so we - if we love God - will desire to be with Him and to fellowship with Him in proportion to our love for Him.
2. We pray because we depend on God. God is our source. He is our life (Colossians 3:4). Through prayer we receive the comfort, the strength and all the other resources that we need in life - both naturally and spiritually. Prayer - relationship to God - is as necessary to the spiritual life as air to the natural life.
3. We need to pray in order to resist temptation. "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation." (Mt. 26:41). Much sin is the result of the sin of prayerlessness. Through lack of prayer, we are weak, others are weaker and Satan gains the advantage in our lives.
4. We need to pray because it is necessary for men to invite God to act in salvation. God gave the earth to Adam and his descendants. We must invite God to work here. If no-one invites God to work here, Satan (the god of this world through man's universal rebellion - 2 Corinthians 4:4) will dominate the affairs of men and eventually the judgment of God will come. By inviting God often and specifically, multitudes can be saved that would otherwise be lost.
5. We need to pray because God commands us to pray. "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." (Colossians 4:2). "Then he [Jesus] spoke a parable to them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1). The need to pray is as great as the authority of God which commands us: "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is so vital to all that God wants to do on the earth, and so essential to us, that God commands us to do it all the time. We should even deny ourselves sleep and food at times in order to pray more and with greater power. (Matthew 6:16; Luke 6:12; Luke 21:36; Colossians 4:2; 2 Corinthians 11:27).

HOW TO BEGIN

If you are not sure how to pray, don't despair! Everyone had to begin sometime. Just talk with God respectfully but openly. Talk with Him as your Father. Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father ...". Recognize God as a loving

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The State of Wisconsin



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin are a diverse group of people of nearly every nationality and represented by a variety of religious traditions; and

WHEREAS, the history of our state is replete with leaders who voluntarily call upon their God, from the prayers sent heavenward during the Constitutional Convention to those murmured in the heat of the battle at Omaha Beach during World War II, to the intercessions offered in the aftermath of tragedies such as Columbine, September 11th, and the space shuttle break up, whether the need be great or small, Americans of faith have sought the Lord's help with life's challenges and adversities throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin have relied on prayer as a source of strength and guidance in war and peace and as our service men and women are currently defending the United States; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the upcoming observance is "America, Unite in Prayer"; and

WHEREAS, prayer is a comfort for many people, especially during times of trial and tribulation; and

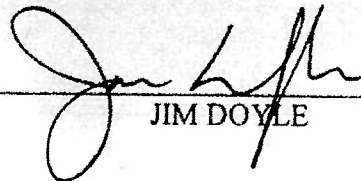
WHEREAS, the citizens of Wisconsin should gather together on this day in their homes, churches, meeting places and chosen places of worship to pray in their own way for unity of the hearts of all mankind, and for strong moral character in the lives of the people of all nations, as well as, peace and understanding throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008

WISCONSIN DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fourth day of April in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE



By the Governor:

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 1952, Congress established an annual Day of Prayer, during which Americans of all faiths were encouraged to pause in prayer, thanking God for this land and its people and seeking inspiration, strength, and guidance, wisdom, courage, direction, and comfort; and

WHEREAS: As Americans, we need not shrink from asking for Divine assistance in our continuing efforts to relieve human suffering at home and abroad, to reduce hatred, violence, and abuse, and to restore families across our land; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of our Nation, our government has welcomed Divine guidance in its work, while respecting the rich and varied faiths of its citizens. From patriots and presidents to advocates for justice, our history reflects the strong presence of prayer in American life; and

WHEREAS: America was founded on the principles of religious freedom and liberty for all. By following our own beliefs while respecting the convictions of others, we can strengthen our people and build upon our promise as a State. As David reminds us in the Book of Psalms, "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts Him, and I am helped"; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 57th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer with its theme: "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield"; and

WHEREAS: On May 1, Americans are invited to join in prayer for our Nation and our States, to acknowledge God, to give thanks for the many blessings we have received, to recognize the human need for morality, and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders and our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to pray with diligence and humility.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of April, in the year of our Lord 2008.

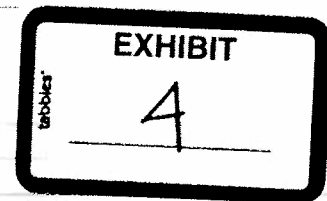




MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE



Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

COLORADO DAY OF PRAYER May 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the authors of the Declaration of Independence recognized "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness;" and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer, established in 1952 and defined by President Ronald Reagan as the first Thursday in May, provides Americans with the chance to congregate in celebration of these endowed rights; and

WHEREAS, each citizen has the freedom to gather, the freedom to worship, and the freedom to pray, whether in public or private; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the National Day of Prayer acknowledges Psalm 28:7- "The Lord is my strength and shield, my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped;" and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2008, individuals across this state and nation will unite in prayer for our country, our state, our leaders, and our people;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008,

COLORADO DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fourth day of March, 2008

Bill Ritter Jr.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor

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Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Idaho are a diverse people, representing many nations and religious traditions; and

WHEREAS, the history of our country is replete with leaders who voluntarily called upon their God with needs both great and small, such as:

"It would be particularly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, Who rules over the universe, Who presides in the councils of the nations, and Whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States." – George Washington, Inaugural Address, April 1789

"We humbly and fervently implore the Almighty disposer of events – to maintain the Constitution and to bless our nation with tranquility, under Whose benign influence we may reach the summit of happiness and glory, to which we are destined by nature and by nature's God." – William Penn, 1799

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is the mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly ask our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is our greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray – to really pray." – Robert E. Lee, 1864

"It is the duty of mankind on all suitable occasions to acknowledge their dependence on the Divine Being." – Benjamin Franklin concerning a fast day, 1748

"While the people are virtuous, they cannot be subdued, but when they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader." Samuel Adams while signing the Declaration of Independence, 1776

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go." – Abraham Lincoln concerning his belief in the power of prayer, Date Unknown

WHEREAS, the motto of the National Day of Prayer and the State Day of Prayer is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" a reaffirmation for the biblical exhortation in Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, to be

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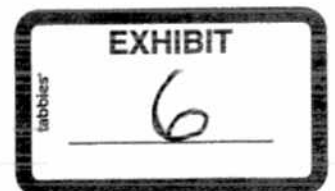
in Idaho, and I invite citizens to gather together on this day in their homes, churches, public meeting places, and various places of worship to pray in their own way for unity of the hearts of all mankind, and the return of strong moral character in the lives of the people of all nations, and peace and understanding throughout the world.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eighteenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE





CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, Americans have turned to God in prayer for guidance since our nation's founding; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our state and nation, we have humbly prayed for guidance, comfort, and protection where needed, and have given thanks for our many blessings which God has graciously bestowed on this nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, prayer has comforted us in times of sorrow, and given us strength and hope for the future. We ask God to keep His hand upon us and bless the great State of Florida and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we continue to give thanks for the men and women of the military that are defending our freedom and we humbly ask God for their protection. We pray for peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is a day set aside by Congress for all Americans to pray and reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which this nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, 2008 marks the 57th anniversary of the consecutive annual observance of the National Day of Prayer, and the theme this year is, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield," based on Psalm 28:7 which declares "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped;" and

WHEREAS, on May 1st, Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation and state to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from Him, to recognize our need for personal and corporate repentance and renewal and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders and ask God to protect and bless our nation;

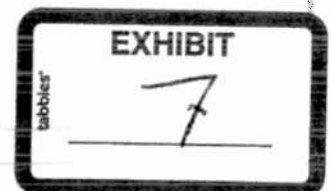
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 1, 2008 as the *National Day of Prayer*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 31st day of January, in the year two thousand eight.



Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in black ink.

Governor



STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, in times of peril both at home and abroad, many American citizens turn to prayer for help and guidance; and
WHEREAS, millions of men and women across the nation gratefully continue the tradition of prayer in churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and other houses of worship across our country; and
WHEREAS, established in 1952 by an act of Congress, the National Day of Prayer is now observed nationally every year on the first Thursday in May; and
WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is a celebration of American citizens' freedom of religion, set forth in the First Amendment. Americans treasure their religious freedom, which embraces the many diverse communities of faith that have infused our society and our cultural heritage over more than two centuries; and
WHEREAS, the theme for the National Day of Prayer 2008 is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" inspired by the passage found in Psalm 28:7, which declares, "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in him and I am helped."
THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this FOURTH day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
EIGHT, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETIETH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Rod R. Blagojevich

GOVERNOR

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STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, prayer to the Almighty God is regarded by millions as the most important utterance of mankind for its benefit; and
- WHEREAS, prayer has aided many in times where support and guidance are needed; and
- WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity which our nation and state enjoy and to pray for the continued guidance and comfort which God has graciously bestowed upon this nation since its inception; and
- WHEREAS, the Day of Prayer is a time set aside for Americans to pray to their heavenly Father and to reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which our nation was founded; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana and the United States of America can and will benefit from prayer by its faithful and prayerful residents; and
- WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield," is inspired by the scripture Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped;" and
- WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer provides a powerful opportunity for people to humble themselves before the Almighty and to seek the "redeeming and preserving grace" of which Lincoln so eloquently spoke in asking God to "shed His grace" on us; and
- WHEREAS, across our land, on May 1, Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation and state to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from Him, to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal of moral values and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders; and
- WHEREAS, it seems fitting to acknowledge these benefits as we assemble to give thanks for the blessings we have enjoyed since America's founding;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 10th
day of April in the year of our
Lord 2008 and of the Independence
of the United States 232.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.

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Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Americans have turned to God in prayer for guidance, strength, and inspiration since our nation's founding; and
- WHEREAS, Since the Continental Congress first declared the first Day of Prayer in 1775, the people of the United States and this great Commonwealth have regularly gathered to pray for our nation, its people, and our leaders; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky and its citizens serve as an illustration of the abundance of blessings God will bestow upon those who pray earnestly to Him; and
- WHEREAS, It is an honor and a privilege to join the nation in petitioning to God for wisdom, blessings, and protection of our President, our troops, and local and state officials; and
- WHEREAS, We continue to give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of the men and women in the military and ask that God will grant them courage and grace as they bravely defend freedom throughout the world, as well as comfort their families; and
- WHEREAS, We humbly ask God to safeguard Kentucky's people and continue to guide our Commonwealth in the direction of His will; and
- WHEREAS, The theme of the 57th National Day of Prayer, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield," is based on Psalm 28:7, which says, "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

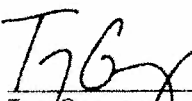
DAY OF PRAYER

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 27th day of March, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and in the 216th year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been a part of our country's heritage since they were declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the 57th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held May 1, 2008, as mandated by both houses of Congress and by our President; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, we as a nation give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and pray that the state of Louisiana and its people will continue to be blessed and protected from those who threaten democracy; and

WHEREAS, "Psalm 28:7 states: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Day of Prayer theme is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield"; and

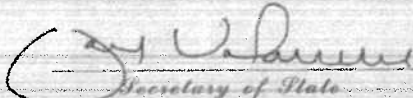
WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we acknowledge God is sovereign and call upon Him in prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

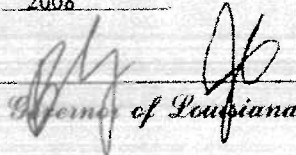
LOUISIANA DAY OF PRAYER
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of May
A. D. 2008


Governor of Louisiana

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Established in 1952 by Congress, the National Day of Prayer has become a treasured part of our nation's heritage of faith; and

Whereas Each American has the freedom to worship and pray as he or she desires; and

Whereas This day provides all Massachusetts citizens the opportunity to join together in prayer to give thanks for our blessings, to ask for healing, to ask God to guide our leaders and to bring peace to our nation and the world; and

Whereas "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped," is the theme of this year's National Day of Prayer, inspired by Psalm 28:7,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 1st, 2008, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS DAY OF PRAYER

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-fifth day of March, in the year two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-first.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been a part of our country's heritage since they were declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the 57th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held May 1, 2008, as mandated by both houses of Congress and by our President; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, we as a nation give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and pray that the state of Missouri and its people will continue to be blessed and protected from those who threaten democracy; and

WHEREAS, "Psalm 28:7 states: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Day of Prayer theme is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we acknowledge God as sovereign and call upon Him in prayer;

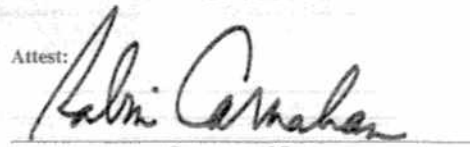
NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

MISSOURI DAY OF PRAYER

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 1st day of May, 2008.




Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in America, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, made "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May annually as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in prayer to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her residents; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in New Jersey when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them; and

WHEREAS, May 1, 2008, marks the 57th Annual National Day of Prayer with this year's theme, "Prayer, America's Strength and Shield," which was taken from Ps. 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him and I am helped;"

NOW, THEREFORE, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

MAY 1, 2008

AS

A DAY OF PRAYER

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of May in the year two thousand eight, the two hundred thirty-second year of the Independence of the United States.



GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Nina Mitchell Wells
NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE





Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, prayer is a fundamental part of our national heritage, with the first National Day of Prayer proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775;

Whereas, in 1783, the conclusion of the Revolutionary War marked a temporary end to the National Day of Prayer;

Whereas, reinstated as an annual observance by the United States of America Congress in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has become a unifying force for American citizens from diverse religious backgrounds;

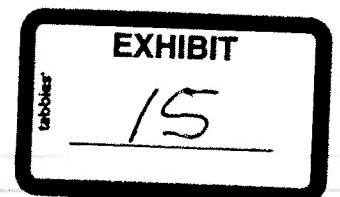
Whereas, this nation has traditionally sought divine guidance as it charted what has become the path of American history; and,

Whereas, this year's celebration theme, "Prayer! Americas Strength and Shield," was inspired by Psalm 28:7 that reads, "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped;"

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare May 1, 2008, as

National Day of Prayer

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor





CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, prayer plays a powerful role in the lives of people of all cultures, religions and backgrounds and serves as a source of moral and spiritual guidance for millions throughout our Commonwealth and nation; and

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer was first observed by members of the Continental Congress in 1775 and President Truman signed a joint resolution declaring an annual National Day of Prayer in 1952; and

WHEREAS, the 100th United States Congress passed a resolution on May 5, 1988, proclaiming the observance of the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May each year thereafter; and

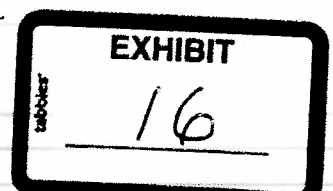
WHEREAS, the theme for this day of prayer, *Prayer! America's Strength and Shield*, comes from the scripture Psalm 28:7, which says, "The lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped"; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Day of Prayer is recognized by Virginians and Americans of all religious faiths, and those who participate will join in prayer for our loved ones and for our enemies, and to reaffirm our course as a democratic nation with the promise of liberty and justice for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 1, 2007, as **DAY OF PRAYER** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Katherine F. Hanley
Secretary of the Commonwealth



GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been a part of our country's heritage since they were declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the 57th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held May 1, 2008, as mandated by both house of Congress and by our President; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American History; and

WHEREAS, we as a nation give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and pray that the state of Wyoming and its people will continue to be blessed and protected; and

WHEREAS, Psalm 28:7 states: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Day Prayer theme is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield."

NOW THEREFORE, I, DAVE FREUDENTHAL, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, to be

"NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"

in Wyoming.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 4th day of March, 2008.



Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made laws the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress, themselves, begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Nebraska when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 57th Annual National Day of Prayer; its theme being "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" reflecting the words in Psalms 28:7 that we find help as we trust in God.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 1st day of May, 2008, as a

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-Sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven.



Attest:

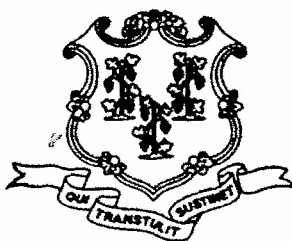
Jan D. Lyle
Secretary of State

Dave Heineman
Governor

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State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

Whereas, this year's annual observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 1, 2008, and the theme of the nationwide celebration is "Prayer: America's Strength and Shield;" and

Whereas, a joint resolution of the United States Congress in 1952 established an annual day for prayer and was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

Whereas, the declaration was amended in 1988, by both houses of Congress and President Ronald Reagan, setting a permanent date for the National Day of Prayer to be observed on the first Thursday of the month of May each year; and

Whereas, the annual day of prayer honors the vision and reverence of our Founding Fathers, who, at the first Continental Congress in 1775 called for a Day of Prayer, as they sought guidance and support from God to have the courage and wisdom to build our Nation; and

Whereas, it is fitting that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity enjoyed by this State and our Nation and to pray for continued guidance and comfort, which has been graciously bestowed upon this Nation since its inception; and

Whereas, as caring citizens of this great State, we recognize prayer to be both powerful and peaceful; now

Therefore, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 1, 2008, as the

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Connecticut, and urge all citizens to observe this day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor

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STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
A DAY OF PRAYER

Whereas, it is noteworthy that at our country's inception, there was a clear mandate to protect religious freedom and create an atmosphere where prayer in the public square was accepted and embraced; and

Whereas, this year's National Day of Prayer theme, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield," brings attention to the importance of protecting the cherished rights and freedoms of all Americans to gather, worship, and pray according to the dictates of their conscience; and

Whereas, in his first inaugural address, George Washington said, "It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of the nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defeat, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States;" and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States, by legislative action in 1988, declared the first Thursday in May to be a National Day of Prayer; and

Whereas, Day of Prayer observances are planned in all 50 states and territories, a tradition established in 1952 by an act of Congress.

*Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor,
and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare May 1, 2008*

A DAY OF PRAYER

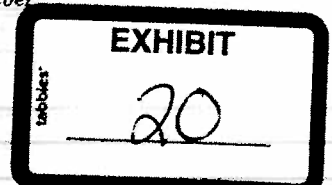
in the State of Delaware and invite Delawareans to gather together on this day in their homes, churches, and meeting places to pray in their own way for the unity of all mankind, wisdom, and favor for our leaders, peace and joy for our nation, and health and prosperity for all Americans.



Ruth Ann Minner
Ruth Ann Minner
Governor

John C. Carney, Jr.
John C. Carney, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN GEORGIA

WHEREAS: Since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength and guidance and sought to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. Prayer was so important to our forefathers that they declared freedom of religion as one of our fledgling nation's greatest needs; and

WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer was first established by the Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to recognize the tradition of prayer in our land; and

WHEREAS: We are afforded the privilege of prayer and the joy of seeking guidance, strength, comfort and inspiration from Almighty God. Regardless of our individual beliefs and faith practices, we have an assurance that God hears our prayers and faithfully responds to our humble petitions; and

WHEREAS: Our state and her people have been blessed, and we have faith that this is a direct result of the heartfelt prayers of Georgia families and individuals. We are proud to join the nation in observing May 1, 2008, as a Day of Prayer, with its theme, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield;" and

WHEREAS: As our nation is involved in an ongoing conflict in Iraq and in the global war against terrorism, we pray for God's blessing upon our military troops, here and abroad, praying for protection, wisdom and divine guidance as they serve our nation. We furthermore ask that He bless the Iraqi people with peace and wisdom as they continue to journey towards democracy; and

WHEREAS: We pray for our heroes here at home who risk their lives every day to protect us, including police officers and firefighters, and ask that He watch over them as they watch over us; and

WHEREAS: We remember and mourn for all Americans lost whose mission was to protect us here at home or to free the helpless abroad. As they join our forefathers, many of whom also made the ultimate sacrifice, we ask the Lord to bless and comfort their families; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as a DAY OF PRAYER in Georgia and encourage our citizens to pray for God's blessings on our nation and her people.

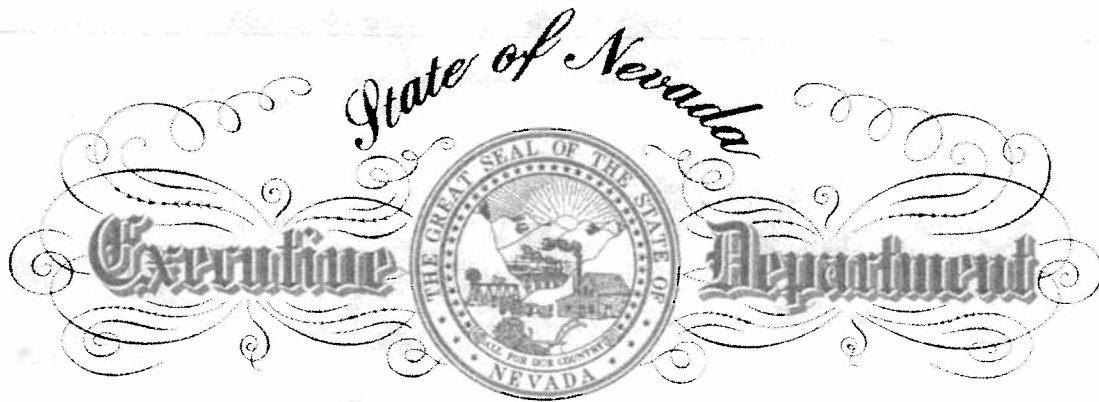
In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Ed F. Holcombe
CHIEF OF STAFF

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A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada will join together with the entire country on May 1, 2008, to celebrate National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer was established by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1952 and was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Ronald W. Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of May every year; and

WHEREAS, each year, the President of the United States signs a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray on this day, and in 2005, state governors and the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2008 National Day of Prayer is "Prayer, America's Strength and Shield"; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada recognizes this very special day, and joins with Americans across the nation in support of the National Day of Prayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 8th day of February, 2008.

Jim Gibbons
By the Governor: _____ Governor

By _____

Secretary

EXHIBIT

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Congress, by Public Law 101-307, officially established an annual National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans, as it encompasses the backgrounds of all citizens and values the many faiths that they hold; and

WHEREAS, great American leaders prayed for wisdom while forming this nation and continue to look for spiritual guidance in confronting the many challenges of our day; and

WHEREAS, the United States, a country that was established by people from all regions of the globe, rely upon our religious liberty in order to preserve the individuality and diversity that gives our nation its unique richness and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year is, "America, Unite in Prayer";

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as:

"A Day of Prayer in New Mexico"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

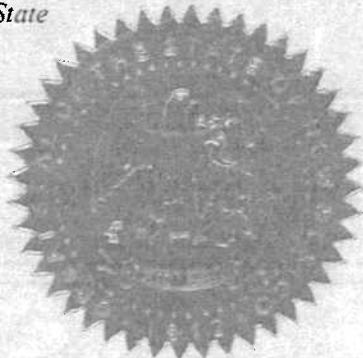
Attest:

Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
10th day of March, 2008.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico

Bill Richardson
Governor



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State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been part of our country's heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, leaders of our Nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, May 1, 2008, marks the 57th consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer, as mandated by both Congress and by our President in Public Law 100-307; and

WHEREAS, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" is the theme for the 2008 National Day of Prayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as a "**DAY OF PRAYER**" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to join together in their homes, places of work and places of worship, to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind, and to continue in prayer for our State and our Nation.



Michael F. Easley
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer is a tradition and important occasion first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775, and Americans since the days of our founders have shared our dependence on God, faith and prayer while insisting on religious freedom; and

Whereas, it is eminently fitting and proper that we in Oklahoma observe a day when all of us in our communities may acknowledge our blessings, and express gratitude for them while recognizing our need for the strengthening of spiritual and moral values in our land; and

Whereas, the 2008 theme for the National Day of Prayer is "Prayer! America's Strength & Shield". Given the tragic disasters and the challenging times which test our country's will and faith, it is appropriate to turn to God for faith, repentance, support, healing, protection and guidance in order that we may honor God, build stronger communities of character based on His ways and have great hope for the future; and

Whereas, world events and our great need at this time, make this a critical year for prayer to Almighty God for ourselves, our communities and our leaders; and

Whereas, prayer reminds us that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in troubled and difficult times;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

"A Day of Prayer"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 14th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundredth year.

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

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Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Civic and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America, and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,

Whereas, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer, and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress begin each day with prayer; and,

Whereas, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

Whereas, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders, and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

Whereas, The 2008 theme, "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" was chosen to reaffirm the importance of maintaining the moral underpinnings that have been fundamental to our society since America's inception; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in South Dakota when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

A DAY OF PRAYER

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to participate in local community activities to recognize this special day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2008 National Day of Prayer, "Prayer, America's Strength and Shield" serves to remind us... In the State of Tennessee we join together to acknowledge our Creator and to ask for wisdom, knowledge and understanding for our government, armed forces and our families. We honor God's blessings upon the state of Tennessee and we pledge to seek guidance for strength to meet the challenges we face. As a state, we need unity in order to build together and protect those in need; and

WHEREAS, a united prayer brings focus as one voice. On this day we proclaim that we, as citizens will pray for our governmental leaders, our armed forces, our families and this great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, had called on our citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society by recognizing annually a "National Day of Prayer";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 11th day of March, 2008.

Governor

Secretary of State

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STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Since the beginning of our land, men and women have bowed their heads in prayer. From families gathered around the dinner table to Presidents kneeling in the Oval Office, prayers have been offered from every generation of Americans. Prayer truly has been *America's Strength and Shield*.

In a nation that revels in freedom of speech, there is no greater speech than that between Americans and their creator. Early in American history, faced with the responsibility and opportunity to form a new nation, our leaders stepped forward and asked the colonies to join in praying and seeking wisdom. The admission by great men for the need of the prayers of their fellow countrymen is what set America apart – *as a city on a hill*.

The wisdom granted all those years ago has lit the way for Americans of all faiths to offer prayers for today's leaders. While times have changed and the challenges seem different, the leaders of this great nation once again stand before the people and ask that we join in prayer.

Our faith and the ability to pray freely are the cornerstones of our nation and have greatly shaped the Lone Star State. God has truly blessed us and shed His grace on this great land. These are blessings that we must not take lightly. It is our responsibility to treasure, protect and strengthen the foundations so that future generations will be allowed to bow their heads in prayer and exercise their right to free speech.

As our nation comes together for this commemoration, let us be mindful of the privilege we have to pray. Let it spur us to come together in prayer, acknowledging our blessings, displaying our trust and offering our gratitude.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008,

A Day of Prayer

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
14th day of April, 2008.


Governor of Texas



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR



JOHN BOHLINGER
LT. GOVERNOR

February 12, 2008

Mrs. Pat Kempf
Montana State Coordinator
National Day of Prayer
PO Box 20894
Billings, MT 59104

My Fellow Montanans:

I am pleased to recognize "National Day of Prayer" in the State of Montana.

I encourage Montanans of every faith to acknowledge May 1st, 2008 as the 57th Annual National Day of Prayer.

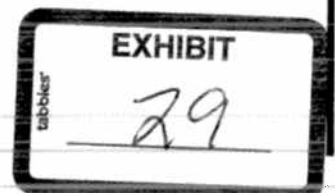
This event is an opportunity to reflect on the magnificent diversity of religious beliefs across Montana and nation, should serve to unite people of faith from every culture and tradition.

I appreciate your efforts to keep freedom of religion alive nationwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Schweitzer", written over a large, faint letter "B" that serves as a watermark or background for the signature.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor



STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Sarah Palin, Governor*

WHEREAS, the Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln established a proclamation for a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer." A joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman in 1952, declared an annual, national day of prayer. And in 1988, President Ronald Reagan set aside the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer.

WHEREAS, following the devastating event the United States experienced on September 11, 2001, President Bush reminded us that the Congress, through Public Law 100-307, called on citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to honor the religious diversity our freedom permits by recognizing this day annually.

WHEREAS, as Governor, I recognize that the people of Alaska represent a variety of cultural and religious traditions. I believe that each community of faith warrants the recognition and respect of others.

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of this proclamation to promote a particular religion, but rather to encourage thoughtful reflection on the condition of our state and country and to honor our freedom of religious expression whether that is prayer, alms giving, fasting, peace activism, meditation, promotion of social justice, or another form of contemplative action.

WHEREAS, let us not forget that the liberty and freedoms we enjoy are promoted and protected by the willingness, dedication, and sacrifice of our country's military servicemen and women.

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2008, I urge you to join fellow Americans across racial, political, and religious boundaries to observe the National Day of Prayer within your respective communities and faith traditions.

WHEREAS, may we be thankful for our blessings, reflect on the many needs of our state and nation, treat our neighbors with dignity and respect, and seek moral and spiritual renewal through the religious or spiritual expression which most closely aligns with who we are as individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the state of Alaska, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as:

National Day of Prayer

in Alaska and encourage Alaskans to keep the health, well-being, prosperity, and peace of our state, nation, and world in mind on this day.

Dated: April 15, 2008



Sarah Palin
Sarah Palin, Governor

who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.

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Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

• NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OR REFLECTION •

WHEREAS, the religious freedom guaranteed us by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the diversity of faiths practiced in America have made our land a beacon for people who seek freedom to worship according to their conscience; and

WHEREAS, Americans of every race, background and creed come together in churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and their own homes to pray or meditate for guidance, wisdom and courage; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arizona are a diverse people, with a remarkable variety of cultures and religious traditions – “many lands, many people, many faiths” – that blend into ONE ARIZONA; and

WHEREAS, just as we rely on prayer or reflection for courage, hope and renewal in our private lives, so too do we turn to prayer or reflection at times of joy, crisis and tragedy in our public life as a Nation and a State; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by Public Law 100-307, has called on our citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer and reflection in our society and to honor the religious diversity our freedom permits by recognizing annually a “National Day of Prayer”; and

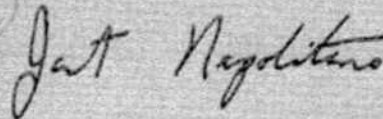
WHEREAS, we are especially mindful of the heroic men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially those serving abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

• NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER OR REFLECTION •

and encourage all Arizonans to pray or reflect on their own and give thanks for the rich blessings of our State and our Nation.

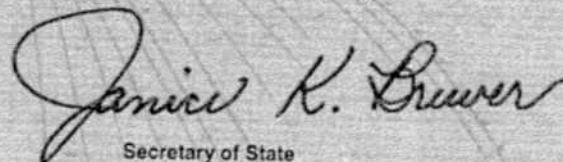
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eleventh day of March in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

In homes and synagogues, in churches and mosques, in their work place and in thousands of other settings across our nation, individuals and families pray. They pray for strength and comfort in the face of challenges, and they pray as an expression of gratitude for the blessings in their lives. Indeed, the quiet reflection that comes with prayer has been a guide and inspiration to Americans since the days of our Founding Fathers.

Today, as America commemorates a National Day of Prayer, I hope all Californians will pause for at least a moment to reflect on their lives and the opportunities and challenges we all share. I also hope the day will not go by without our petitioning God for the safety of our brave troops, their families and the many innocent civilians who find themselves at the battle's front.

May each of us, in our own way and according to our own faith, find the time today to pray for our families and friends and for our communities, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as a "Day of Prayer" in California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 2nd day of April 2008.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

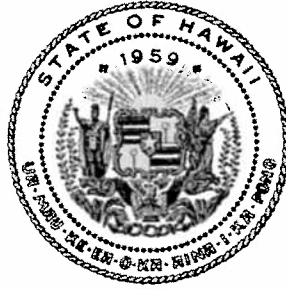
DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State



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Proclamation

Prayer is important for many people. Throughout history, men and women of all faiths have turned to prayer in times of joy and celebration, as well as times of grief and need. Often accompanied by meditation, prayer is a powerful force to find peace, guidance, comfort and healing, as well as to revere a Higher Power or seek forgiveness for transgressions. It is for good reason America's Founding Fathers enshrined this freedom in the First Amendment to our Constitution.

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952 and designated as the first Thursday of May by President Ronald Reagan, the *National Day of Prayer* is observed each year to encourage Americans of all faiths to join together in prayer, according to their own traditions.

On May 1 of this year, millions of Americans will gather for the 57th annual *National Day of Prayer*. Americans across the country will join together in places of worship and other locations to pray for wisdom and guidance, as well as the needs of our communities, nation and world.

Locally, the Hawai'i National Day of Prayer Team will host a prayer breakfast on Maui and an evening ceremony at the State Capitol. In addition, many other residents will gather in their homes or places of worship to pray.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2008**, as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to join together in prayer, each according to his or her own faith, for our state, nation and world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2008.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

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State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, PRAYER IS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF OUR NATION'S HERITAGE, WITH THE FIRST NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAIMED BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON JULY 20, 1775; TO AFFIRM THE NATION'S SPIRITUAL HERITAGE AND TO ENLIST PRAYER FOR LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS; AND

WHEREAS, REVIVED AS AN ANNUAL OBSERVANCE BY CONGRESS IN 1952, THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER HAS BECOME A GREAT UNIFYING FORCE FOR OUR CITIZENS FROM A DIVERSE NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS AND IS RECOGNIZED AS A DAY FOR ALL AMERICANS TO PRAY AND REAFFIRM THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED; AND

WHEREAS, WE CONTINUE GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE MILITARY WHO DEFEND FREEDOM, AND WE HUMBL Y ASK FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND PRAY FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, WE INVITE THE CITIZENS OF IOWA TO GIVE THANKS, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS OR HER OWN FAITH, FOR THE FREEDOMS AND BLESSINGS WE HAVE RECEIVED:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 1, 2008 AS A

DAY OF PRAYER

IN IOWA.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE
OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES
MOINES THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
EIGHT.**

Chester J. Culver

**CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR**

ATTEST:

Michael A. Mauro
**MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE**

EXHIBIT

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STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, legislation was unanimously ratified by both houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan, stating that the National Day of Prayer was to be observed on the first Thursday of every May; and

WHEREAS, This year will mark the 57th consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to observe this day in Kansas when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

A Day of Prayer

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
March, A.D. 2008

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Kathleen Sebelius

Ron Thornburgh
Secretary of State

Jae
Assistant Secretary of State



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State of Maine



WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength and guidance; and

WHEREAS, especially since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the Gulf Coast hurricanes of 2005, Americans have prayed for comfort in a time of grief, for understanding in a time of anger, and for protection in a time of uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have historically called on the prayers of the people, without regard to their religious affiliation, to meet the crises that have faced our nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thursday, April 30, 1863 as a day of prayer as "an effective remedy for national ills for all people in all nations"; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by legislative action in 1952 – and amended in 1988 - declared the first Thursday of May to be a National Day of Prayer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

A DAY OF PRAYER

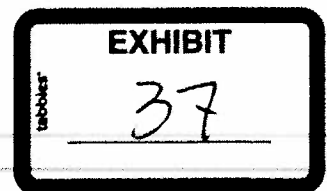
throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to join in this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this eighteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

John E. Baldacci
John E. Baldacci
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY



The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 1, 2008

- WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer, during which people throughout the United States were encouraged to pause in repentance and intercession for our nation; and
- WHEREAS, Prayer can play a valuable and productive role in strengthening bonds of understanding, tolerance, friendship and unity among all people; and
- WHEREAS, Marylanders cherish our heritage of religious freedom and throughout our State and the Nation events will take place to celebrate and honor the National Day of Prayer; and
- WHEREAS, Maryland is pleased to recognize the historic role that prayer has played in our nation by observing the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 1, 2008 as NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and eight

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Dennis Schaeffer
Secretary of State

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STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

Day of Prayer

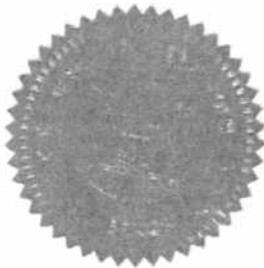
Whereas, National Days of Prayer are a venerable American tradition, the first such day having been proclaimed by the Continental Congress on July 20, 1775; and,

Whereas, In Michigan, we are fortunate to have been blessed with beautiful rivers, lakes, fields, forests, and a people who, through hard work and intellectual effort and toil, have made countless cultural, industrial, agricultural and educational advancements for the enrichment of life for all our citizens; and,

Whereas, In addition to having many blessings for which we should be thankful, our society is also faced with difficult challenges, international unrest, and uncertain changing times which test our people and challenge their beliefs; and,

Whereas, A day of prayer allows us the opportunity to acknowledge our many blessings, to contemplate the numerous challenges that we, as a society and a nation, face here at home and throughout the world, and to rededicate ourselves to helping others, strengthening our personal faith, and joining together to spread hope, peace, and love among all people; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, A Day of Prayer in Michigan.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a state that enjoys many blessings: natural beauty, abundant resources, strong families, a diversified economy, native peoples, and immigrants from all over the world; and
WHEREAS: Minnesota is challenged by the pervasive enemies of humankind: poverty, sickness, hunger, injustice, prejudice, discouragement, greed, crime, and alienation; and
WHEREAS: Minnesotans have always held high standards of excellence, justice, generosity, freedom, equality, and progress, and we have faced these problems with resolve; and
WHEREAS: Our state has been strengthened by the conscience-based actions of people of faith in all walks of life; and
WHEREAS: Many of the challenges we face require a change of heart, which government cannot legislate or enforce, but which spiritual growth can bring about; and
WHEREAS: Our Constitution begins with these words: "We, the people of the State of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 1, 2008, as:

DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Minnesota and humbly encourage citizens of faith to turn to God as their understanding and beliefs direct, that we may open our hearts in thanksgiving for blessings received and to seek strength, wisdom, and encouragement to build a better Minnesota for all our people.

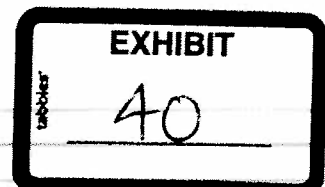


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our nation was founded on a firm and faithful bedrock, by men who turned to their God for guidance through prayer, and prayerful reverence has since sustained our society and guided our government; and

WHEREAS, In 1775, the Continental Congress designated a National Day of Prayer, an action reaffirmed in 1952 when the United States Congress designated the first Thursday in May as an annual National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Prayer allows us an opportunity to reflect and to seek guidance, strength, comfort and inspiration from Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, In these trying times, when the world is so unsettled and when so many brave citizens of Mississippi and the United States are far from home, making great sacrifices for those abroad and those here at home, prayer becomes all the more meaningful and important; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the fifty-seventh observance of National Prayer Day, and people will gather together across our nation to observe this important event:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 1st, 2008, as

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, on the eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.

Handwritten signature of Haley Barbour in cursive script.

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR

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*State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor*

A Proclamation

**DAY OF PRAYER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 1, 2008**

WHEREAS, Prayer is an important part of the lives of many citizens; and

WHEREAS, In times of uncertainty, people often use prayer as a way to find both strength and courage in themselves and in the world around them; and

WHEREAS, In times of prosperity, people often use prayer as a means to give thanks for their good fortune and freedoms; and

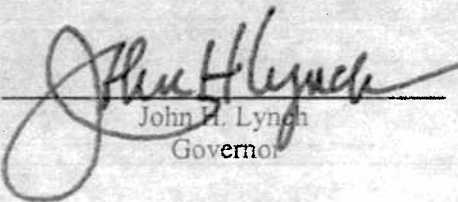
WHEREAS, For many, prayer provides solace and a way to connect spiritually and determine those things that are important in our lives; and

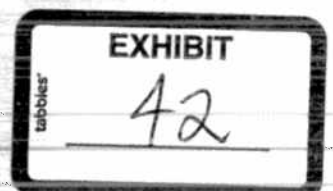
WHEREAS, Since 1952, the nation has celebrated the National Day of Prayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim MAY 1, 2008 as DAY OF PRAYER in New Hampshire.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 20th day of March, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-two.


John H. Lynch
Governor





State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the faith of our founding fathers has played a significant role in American history, long inspiring us to seek unity through such traditions as days of prayer and reflection; and

Whereas, since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked colonists to seek wisdom as they formed a nation, praying has remained as important a part of the lives of many Americans as during the early days of our Country's rise to greatness; and

Whereas, for more than 225 years, the call to prayer has been echoed throughout history by such leaders as President Lincoln, who in 1863 called for a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer," and President Truman, who in 1952 signed a joint resolution declaring an annual National Day of Prayer, and President Ronald Reagan, who in 1988 signed into law a bill that provided for the permanent designation of the first Thursday of each May as the National Day of Prayer; and

Whereas, this year's observance gives us cause to reflect upon the need to reaffirm our faith as we look for guidance and protection of America and its people, keeping in mind recent domestic and global events that present challenges; and

Whereas, in considering the many benefits of life in this great nation, we are thankful for the rewards that democracy brings and the values we hold highest - these cherished principles continue to serve as the foundation of our union, drawing us together for the 57th annual National Day of Prayer, which will be observed in churches, synagogues, statehouses, halls of government, other public venues - and within our homes - by people across America; and

Whereas, during these uncertain times, it is fitting that all New Yorkers join to honor the legacy we share as a society whose strength is its inclusiveness based upon an enduring belief in religious freedom and all freedoms upon which this nation is founded;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as a

Day of Prayer and Reflection

in the Empire State.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixteenth
day of April in the year two thousand eight.

David A. Paterson

Governor

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor





State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 1, 2008

WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for hope, strength, comfort and protection in times of grief, anger and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer are a venerable American tradition, the first such day having been proclaimed by the Continental Congress on July 20, 1775, to affirm the nation's spiritual heritage and to enlist prayer for local, state and national leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we observe a day to acknowledge our many blessings, express gratitude, and recognize the need to strengthen religious and moral values in our state and throughout the nation; and

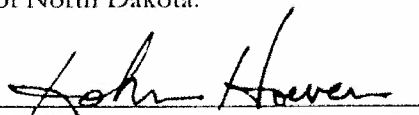
WHEREAS, a day of prayer is also an opportunity to renew and inspire the joy we find in our faith, friends, family and communities, to remember those who are suffering and facing hardships, and to pray for peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, a day of prayer is a day to remember our brave men and women who are fighting to defend our country and preserve our freedoms, and to recognize those who have returned safely home to their family and friends; we also honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and the families who mourn their loss; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota state constitution states "We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution."; and

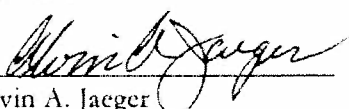
WHEREAS, the United States Congress has set aside the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer, allowing us an opportunity to celebrate our freedoms and America's great tradition of prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, a **DAY OF PRAYER** in the state of North Dakota.



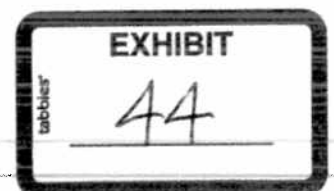
John Hoeven
Governor

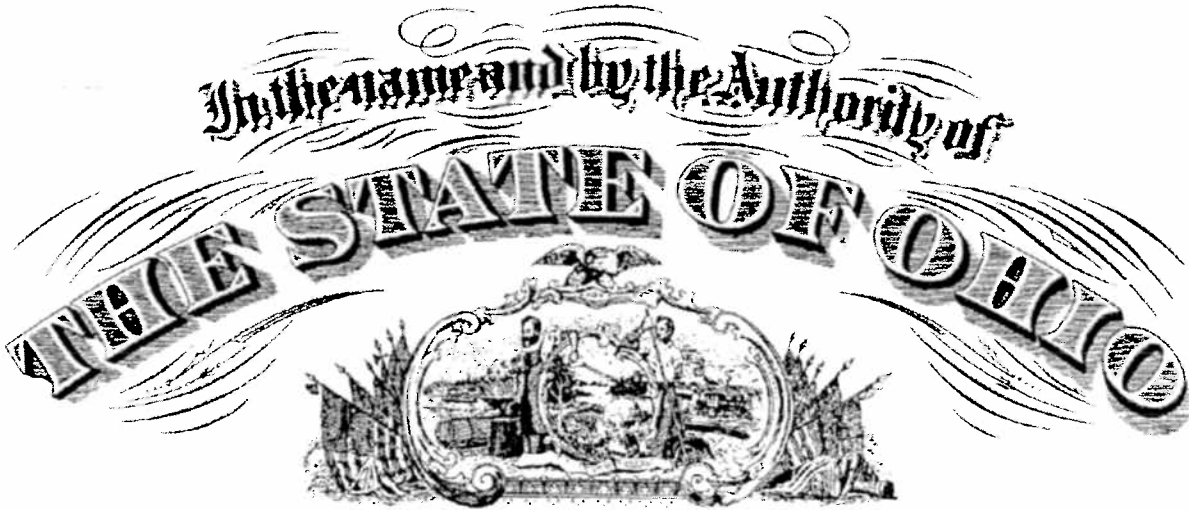
ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

600 E Boulevard Ave.
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Ted Strickland
Governor of said State
hereby officially recognizes

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
2008

This tradition has been observed in the United States for more than two centuries in recognition of the role of faith and prayer in our lives, in our heritage, and in our common humanity.

In 1775, the Continental Congress called for colonists to pray for wisdom in forming a new country. In 1863, President Lincoln asked for prayers to help heal a splintered nation. In 1952, Congress passed a joint resolution designating one day each year as the National Day of Prayer, and in 1988 the date of the National Day of Prayer was permanently fixed as the first Thursday in May.

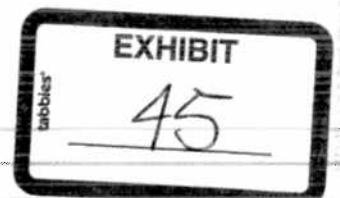
Through prayer we may seek strength and gain comfort in the face of challenge. Through prayer we may give thanks and seek guidance in the face of opportunity. As we observe the National Day of Prayer, I encourage Ohioans to let their faith guide them as they open their hearts and minds for reflection and prayer.



ON THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

Ted Strickland

Ted Strickland
Governor



STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The National Day of Prayer was established on April 17, 1952, by a joint resolution of Congress (Public Law 82-324; 66 Stat. 64) and designated as the first Thursday in May by President Reagan in 1988; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Day of Prayer is a celebration of American citizens' freedom of religion, which embraces the many diverse communities of faith that have infused our society and our cultural heritage over more than two centuries reflecting the best values in our nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Prayer can reflect many common virtues, bonds, hopes and aspirations, sorrows and fears, remorse and renewed resolve, thanks, joyful praise and love; and
- WHEREAS:** This year marks the 57th consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim
May 1, 2008 to be

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set
my hand and cause the Great Seal of the
State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the
Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of
Oregon on this day, April 17, 2008.

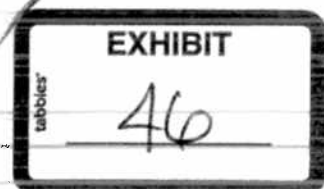


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Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Bradbury".

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

DAY OF PRAYER

May 1, 2008

WHEREAS, Our country, founded on the ideals of freedom and liberty and rich in cultural diversity, is home to millions of citizens who appeal to a higher being for guidance, wisdom, and assistance; and

WHEREAS, through prayer and daily meditation, individuals take time to reflect on the value of life and the beauty of our world while asking for peace, security, guidance, and protection for our families, government leaders, civil servants, and military; and

WHEREAS, by asking for divine assistance, we seek, in our own way, to eradicate violence, poverty, and human suffering. Our prayers support a nation that promotes individual freedom, justice, compassion for our fellow man, and the right to individual religious expression; and

WHEREAS, celebrating our right to pray reminds us of the adversity that our ancestors struggled against in obtaining this right as well as the progressive individuals throughout our history who sought to ensure these rights for every human, regardless of age, race, gender, or faith. Their prayers asked, as do ours today, that this nation uphold the fundamental right to pray, to live in an environment of peace and safety, and to seek personal prosperity; and

WHEREAS, prayer is an important part of humanity, and we shall never overlook, forget, nor neglect the individual or group right to express religious freedom through prayer, meditation, and personal reflection.

THEREFORE, In recognition of prayer and its importance in our lives, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, DAY OF PRAYER in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to commemorate this day in their own personal way, whether through vocal or silent prayer, meditation, solitary thought, or giving thanks.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-second.

Edward G. Rendell

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, our national leaders have historically called on the prayers of the people, without regard to their religious affiliation, to meet the crises that have faced our nation; and

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775, and President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thursday, April 30, 1863, as a day of prayer as "An effective remedy for national ills for all people in all nations"; and

Whereas, by joining together on this very important day, we are reminding ourselves and the entire nation of the strong presence of prayer in our daily lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,

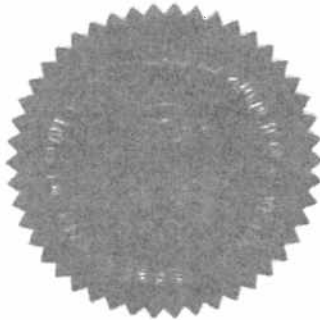
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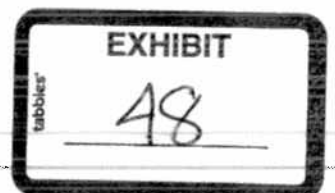
National Day of Prayer

in the State of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.

In recognition whereof, I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to be hereunto affixed this 1st day of May 2008.



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, first called for in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, days of prayer have continued through our country's history; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans; it is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds and faiths to pray for wisdom, guidance, and protection on behalf of our families, government leaders, military, and civil servants; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 National Day of Prayer provides an opportunity to pray for our nation, its people, and its leaders while honoring the commitment to religious liberty and tolerance that contributes to our continued strength.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as

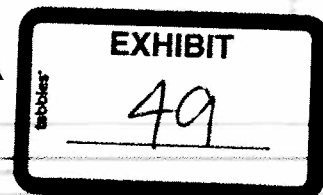
SOUTH CAROLINA DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this event in a manner consistent with their own faith.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1952, the Congress of the United States approved the Joint Resolution to provide for setting aside an appropriate day as a National Day of Prayer (Public Law 82-324; 66 Stat. 64); and

WHEREAS, the history of our nation is indelibly marked with the role that prayer has played in the lives of individuals and the nation; and

WHEREAS, historically our greatest leaders have turned to prayer in times of crisis and thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, the virtues of prayer reflect a common bond: hopes and aspirations, sorrows and fears, remorse and renewed resolve, thanks and joyful praise, and love;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as the

Day of Prayer

in Washington State, in keeping with the wishes of Congress, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 28th day of January, 2008

Christine Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire



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STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first National Day of Prayer was established on July 20, 1775; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is a day set aside by Congress for Americans to pray and reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, during the early years, citizens of this emerging nation were frequently united in observance of prayer; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters may wish to join in observance of the National Day of Prayer in the hope that problems, both within our state and nation and around the world may be peacefully resolved.

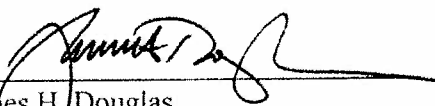
NOW, THEREFORE, I, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2008**, as a

DAY OF PRAYER

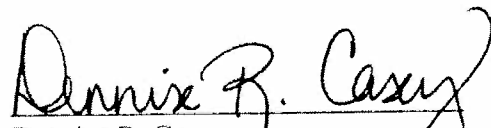
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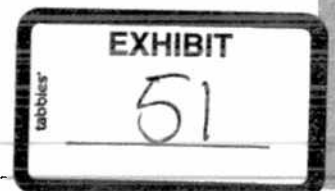
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19th day of March, A.D. 2008.




James H. Douglas
Governor

By the Governor:


Dennise R. Casey
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs



Proclamation

by Governor Joe Manchin III

Whereas, prayer has been recognized by our leaders in times of war and peace as vital to the maintenance of a strong national character and necessary to procure the blessings of a just and benevolent God upon our government and people; and,

Whereas, West Virginia, the 35th state of the United States, is a richly beautiful home for its proud people who hold freedom in high regard and who strongly desire to preserve their state's heritage; and,

Whereas, joining in common prayer is one of the most profoundly constructive things we can do for our nation; and,

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and,

Whereas, it is appropriate to honor God with a unified expression of gratitude and humbly request divine intervention in the preservation and continuation of the strong religious principles upon which our nation and our state have been established;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 1, 2008*, as:

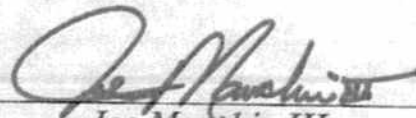
A Day of Prayer

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to better our country through increased spiritual awareness and active participation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eight, and in the One Hundred Forty-fifth year of the State.




Joe Manchin III

Governor

By the Governor:



Betty Ireland

Secretary of State

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