

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Arkansas City
Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by a joint resolution on April 17, 1952, provided that the President “shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation”; and

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

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

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing our dependence on God for our continued blessings and guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim **Thursday, May 4, 2023**, as

A DAY OF PRAYER

in Arkansas City, and encourage all citizens of the City of Arkansas City to observe this day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance, and recognizing this year’s theme: “Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much”, from bible verse James 5:16b.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed:

Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor

Date: May 2, 2023