



# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**WHEREAS,** Throughout history, America has faced trials and triumphs where they have responded in prayer seeking courage, comfort, inspiration, and joy-filled celebration. Faith compels us to seek and cling to the Light in times of darkness and spread light to those in need.

**WHEREAS,** From the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and encouraged those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence, as they wrote that they, “the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world...” and carried on to present day in Presidential Proclamations such as last year’s invitation to “join him in asking for God’s continued guidance, mercy, and protection.”, and

**WHEREAS,** A National Day of Prayer has not only been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, but it is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as The National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS,** In every state across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme, “Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World,” based on the verses found in 2 Samuel 22:29-31, “For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness ... This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.” and

**WHEREAS,** Unified prayer among neighbors coming together to express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer by joining our hearts and voices in reading Scriptures and attending services to humbly seek God in praise, repentance, and love for our neighbor and nation, holding fast to the promises throughout the Holy Scriptures that the Lord hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people in the city and country where we live, learn, work, worship, serve, and desire all to thrive in;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 as a National Day of Prayer.

SIGNED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor