

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, for over 250 years, the history of our nation has been defined by a firm reliance on divine Providence, with every generation seeking God's direction, protection, and provision to ensure that America is filled with His grace and goodness; and

WHEREAS, our founding documents, from the Mayflower Compact to the Declaration of Independence, affirm a prayerful covenant with our Creator that continues to compel citizens today to pray fervently for the wisdom of our leaders and the peace of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was formally established by Congress in 1952 and later amended in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day for all Americans to turn to God in prayer and meditation; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 7, 2026, the City of Mission joins our nation in this observance under the theme, "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in Mission, Texas," inspired by 1 Chronicles 16:24: "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples;" and

WHEREAS, the very identity of our city is anchored in faith, with our namesake derived from the historic **La Lomita Chapel**, established as a sanctuary of hope and the first house of worship in the region; and

WHEREAS, we honor the legacy of the "**Cavalry of Christ**," the dedicated Oblate Fathers who traveled on horseback across the Rio Grande Valley to provide spiritual service and comfort to the early settlers of this land; and

WHEREAS, that same spirit of faith continues today through the collaborative efforts of local pastors recognized as the **Mission Ministerial Alliance** and the **Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce**, as they join together with city leaders, schools, law enforcement, and the business community to preserve and strengthen the spiritual and economic heritage of our city; and

WHEREAS, the **Mayor's Annual Evening of Prayer** serves as a modern-day rededication of our city, uniting families in praise and worship to ensure God's glory is told across every generation in Mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, We the City Council of the City of Mission, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2026, as a **DAY OF PRAYER** throughout our City, and I commend this observance to our citizens, requesting that prayers be lifted throughout our community as we rededicate our lives and our nation to the glory of God.

PROCLAIMED on this the 28th day of April, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman