



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our country, Americans have lifted fervent prayers to God on behalf of our nation; and

WHEREAS, from the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence, and this is carried on to the present day; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, our schools proudly display our state motto, "In God We Trust," and we believe that He hears us as we pray and ask God to protect parents, students, and teachers across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, we ask God to keep His hand upon us and bless the State of Florida and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we continue to give thanks for the men and women of the military who are defending freedom, and we humbly ask God for their protection; and

WHEREAS, we lift up in prayer those in law enforcement who sacrifice so much for the common good; and

WHEREAS, we pray for peace throughout the world, and we proudly stand with Israel and pray for its protection and peace; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 73rd consecutive annual observance nationally and the 30th consecutive annual observance at the Florida State Capitol of the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, on this National Day of Prayer, we thank God for our many blessings and pray favor over our Great State of Florida, leaning not on our own understanding, but trusting God in all things.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings to all observing May 2, 2024, as *National Day of Prayer in Florida*.



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 2nd day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-four.



Governor