



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, a national day of prayer has been part of our country's heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States is directed to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout America's history asking God for divine guidance, protection, and wisdom; and

**WHEREAS**, we as citizens of this country value our religious freedoms and are thankful for the opportunity to unite in prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, we join with fellow Tennesseans regardless of religion or denomination to ask God for His blessing and protection upon every resident of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day, we are encouraged to "Exalt the Lord who has established us" based on Colossians 2:6-7, which serves to remind us of the spiritual fullness obtainable through Christ;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2024 as

## *Tennessee's 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 twelfth day of February 2024.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State