



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the 70th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, with the theme, “Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty” based on 2 Corinthians 3:17, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day of prayer each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms 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 a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we, like President Truman on the first National Day of Prayer, “beseech God to grant us wisdom to know the course which we should follow, and strength and patience to pursue that course steadfastly” through our state, nation and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2021 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 first day of February, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe R. Berg

Secretary of State