



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 4, 2023 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 thirtieth day of March, 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State