



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

For more than two centuries, Americans have been a people of prayer, turning to God for wisdom, to rejoice and for repentance. As citizens, we pray that our leaders would seek wise counsel from and fear God and that He would bless our communities, states and nation. As leaders, we pray that our administrations would be just and beneficial.

Our forefathers blessed us with a heritage of coming together to pray as one people. In 1775, the Continental Congress asked the colonies to join in prayer, seeking wisdom as they faced the responsibility and opportunity of building a new nation. Years later, during a time of national turmoil, President John Adams declared “a day of solemn humiliation, fasting and prayer” and asked citizens of all faiths to pray for America’s protection from danger. Since President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution creating a day of prayer in 1952, one day each year is dedicated to national supplication. In our own time, President Ronald Reagan established in 1988 the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer, encouraging Americans “to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity in the hearts of all mankind.”

Today, Americans continue in the tradition of our forefathers by recognizing the power of prayer in our lives and cherishing our right to pray freely.

At this time, I encourage Texans of faith to come together in prayer, acknowledging God’s glory, seeking His promise and offering our gratitude for His many provisions.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2017, to be

## **A Day of Prayer**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
Governor of Texas