



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Since the birth of our nation as a beacon of liberty more than 200 years ago, Americans have embraced prayer and faith as pillars of unwavering support in our families and communities. From an individual citizen to our most influential leaders, we all understand the incredible power that prayer holds. As we continue to pursue our country's defining ideals, we turn to God for wisdom, to rejoice, and for repentance while humbly seeking His blessings for our communities, states, and nation.

Our history of coming together to pray as one people was passed down to us by our forefathers and championed by past leaders. In 1775, the Continental Congress asked the colonies to join in prayer, recognizing their need for guidance as they built a new nation. Years later, President John Adams declared "a day of Solemn Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer" and asked citizens of faith to pray for America's protection and prosperity. In 1952, President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution establishing a day of prayer, ushering in a new era devoted to nationwide prayer. Following in this tradition, President Ronald Reagan declared the first Thursday in May to be National Day of Prayer in 1988, and encouraged 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."

Americans continue in this tradition today, recognizing the power of prayer in our lives and cherishing our right to freedom of religious expression.

During these difficult times, as we face a global pandemic, I encourage Texans of faith to find safe and healthy ways to come together in prayer to acknowledge God's glory, seek strength in His promises for our lives, and offer gratitude for the many blessings He has given to us.

Therefore, I Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2020, 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  
4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas