



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

A PROCLAMATION

DAY OF PRAYER

- WHEREAS:** Throughout the history of America, faith in Almighty God has been deeply rooted in the foundation and building up of this great nation. From the early pilgrims to the Continental Congress, to the many Presidents and Governors who have served, we have exalted the Lord; giving Him praise and our deeply felt gratitude throughout the generations as He has carried us through times of great crisis and celebration; and
- WHEREAS:** In our state and across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, with the theme, "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much," based on a line of scripture in James 5:16, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"; and
- WHEREAS:** A National Day of Prayer has been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and reaffirmed by Congress and presidents since then, affirming that prayer is essential for the well-being of our nation and its people; and
- WHEREAS:** Every first Thursday of May on the National Day of Prayer, we not only express our faith and exercise our freedom in this important practice, but also unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings throughout our state and across America with love for our neighbor and nation, holding fast to the promises throughout scripture that the Lord hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, as NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF