



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

- WHEREAS:** Prayer is the mainspring of the American spirit, a fundamental tenet of our people since before the Republic was founded. A year before the Declaration of Independence, in 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist; and
- WHEREAS:** Revived as an annual observance by Congress in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has become a great unifying force for our citizens who come from all the great denominations of the world. Prayer unites people. This common expression of reverence heals and brings us together as a Nation and we pray it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the peoples of the world; and
- WHEREAS:** From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history; and
- WHEREAS:** This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2019, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*  
CHIEF OF STAFF