



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, a National Day of Prayer has been part of American heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress approved a Joint Resolution in 1952 setting aside a day each year for prayer;

Whereas, the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme, "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World," based on the verses found in 2 Samuel 22:29-31;

Whereas, throughout history, America has faced trials and triumphs, and Americans have responded in prayer seeking courage and comfort, inspiration, and joy-filled celebration. Faith compels us to seek and cling to the light in times of darkness and spread light to those in need;

Whereas, from the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join them in prayer, including the authors of our Declaration of Independence;

Whereas, unified prayer is mobilized across America as neighbors come together to join their hearts and voices in reading sacred Scriptures and attending services to seek God for the city and country where we live, learn, work, worship, serve, and desire all to thrive;

Whereas, we express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer, then unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings across America with fervent praise, repentance, love, and humble intercession for our neighbor and nation;

Whereas, we are grateful to those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world; and,

Whereas, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise our constitutional freedom of religion by gathering in prayer, seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose, for the benefit of every individual;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare May 2, 2024, as

National Day of Prayer in Utah

Spencer J. Cox
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