



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Throughout the struggles our state has faced over the last year, Texans have remained strong and resilient, as we are a people assured by and lifted up through prayer. In trying times and in times of prosperity, it is right that the people of Texas should join with their fellow Texans and with others from across the United States to seek God's comfort and grace and to offer praise.

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.

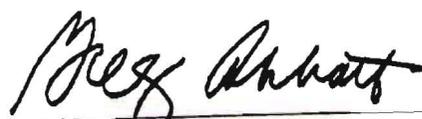
At this time, I encourage Texans of faith to come together in prayer, acknowledging God's glory, seeking His promise and offering our gratitude for His many provisions.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2018, 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 18th day of April, 2018.


Governor of Texas

