

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

**Whereas,** the United States is a nation founded on prayer to the God of Hope, from the Pilgrims' first landing, to the our painful Civil War, to the beaches of Normandy and beyond; and

**Whereas,** in times of both prosperity and need, we have poured out praise to God for His mercy and kindness, thanks to God for all He has done, confession and pleas for forgiveness when we have parted from His Word and will, and intercession asking for His hand to move for the sake of our neighbors and nation, and our history is filled with abundant evidence of His grace, goodness, and care for those in need; and

**Whereas,** from the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, to the opening of every session of the House of Representatives and Senate, and throughout hearts and homes across America, the practice of prayer continues to seek God for guidance, wisdom, power, protection, and provision that has preserved hope and united us as one nation under God; and

**Whereas,** the National Day of Prayer is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

**Whereas,** in our state and across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, with the theme, "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled" based on the verse in Roman 15:13 that is a prayer and a promise, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit;" and

**Whereas,** unified prayer is mobilized across America every first Thursday of May on the *National Day of Prayer* as neighbors come together to join their hearts and voices in reading sacred Scriptures and attending services to seek God's help for the communities and country where we live, learn, work, worship, serve, and desire all to thrive.

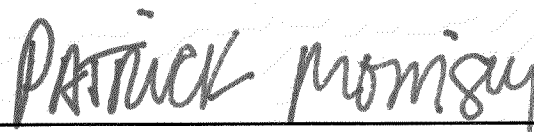
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 1, 2025*, as:

### *National Day of Prayer*

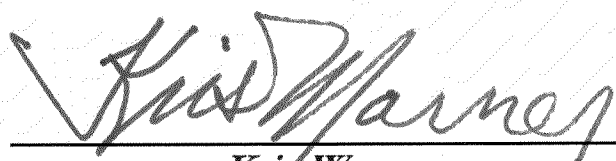
in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.

  
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Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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Kris Warner  
Secretary of State