

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** throughout the history of America, prayers have been lifted up, seeking direction, protection, and provision so that God would be glorified and “Bless America,” resulting in America being filled with His glory, grace, and goodness as He has answered our prayers for over 250 years; and
- Whereas,** from the first pilgrims’ prayerful covenant with God in the Mayflower Compact to the Declaration of Independence, and in every State Constitution, God is glorified, given reverence and thanks, and our collective prayers continue to flow fervently across America in this generation and in rededication, personally and corporately, to the Creator acknowledged in our Declaration, placing our “firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence;” and
- Whereas,** from the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, to the opening of every session of the United States House of Representatives and Senate, and throughout hearts and homes across America, the practice of prayer continues to seek God for guidance, wisdom, power, and protection 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, signed by President Truman 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 7, 2026, with the theme, “Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations” based on the verse in 1 Chronicles 16:24, “Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.”

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *May 7, 2026*, as:

National Day of Prayer

in the Mountain State, I encourage all citizens to join me in observance and request that prayers be lifted up throughout our State, with every generation seeking the Lord as we rededicate our lives, state, and nation to the glory of God.

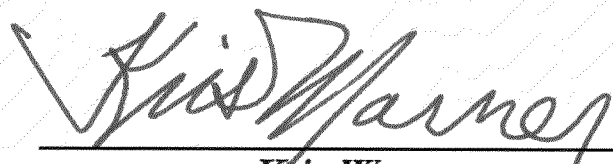
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State