

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** throughout history Americans have listed up fervent prayers to God on behalf of our nation. 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, wrote that they, "the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world..." and carried on to present day in Presidential Proclamations such as last year's invitation to "join him in asking for God's continued guidance, mercy, and protection."; and

**Whereas,** a *National Day of Prayer* has not only been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, but it is a public law established in the United State Congress in 1952 approved by 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 4, 2023, with the theme, "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much," based on the verse James 5:16b, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."; and

**Whereas,** every first Thursday of May on the National Day of Prayer we not only express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer but unite our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings throughout our state and across our America with fervent praise, repentance, love and humble intercession for our neighbor and nation, holding fast to the promises throughout our Holy Scriptures that the lord hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 4, 2023* as:


### *National Day of Prayer*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this 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 Twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State