



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, in 1952, enacted legislation setting aside a Day of Prayer for the nation, and in 1988, designated the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, 2026 is the 250th anniversary of our nation and throughout the history of our state and nation, we have humbly bowed in prayer for guidance and comfort where needed, and have given thanks for our many blessings which God has graciously bestowed on this nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, prayer has brought people of faith together to seek God for strength and wisdom and is regarded by millions as the most important utterance of mankind for its benefit; and

WHEREAS, our schools proudly display our state motto "in God we trust," and we ask God to protect parents, students and teachers across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, prayer has comforted us during times of sorrow, and given us strength and hope for the future. We ask God to keep His hand upon us and bless the great, free state of Florida and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we continue to give thanks for the men and women of the military and law enforcement, who are defending freedom and our people; we humbly ask God for their protection; and

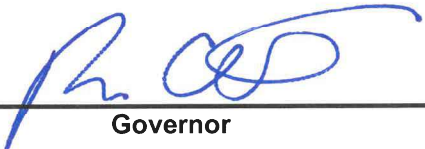
WHEREAS, 2026 is the 75th consecutive annual observance nationally and the 32nd anniversary of the consecutive annual observance of the National Day of Prayer at the Florida State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, across our nation and state, on May 7, Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation and state to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks to Him, to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal, and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders and our families.

Now, therefore, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and blessings to all observing May 7, 2026, as National Day of Prayer in Florida and to invite all residents to pray with diligence, humility and obedience and seek the face of Almighty God to direct our paths in the days and years ahead.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 7th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-six.



Governor