

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 1952, the United States Congress established an annual Day of Prayer, during which Americans of all faiths were encouraged to pause in prayer, thanking God for this land and its people and seeking inspiration, strength, guidance, wisdom, courage, direction, and comfort; and

WHEREAS: As Americans, we need not shrink from asking for Divine assistance in our continuing efforts to relieve human suffering at home and abroad; to reduce hatred, violence, and abuse; and to restore families across our land; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of our Nation, our government has welcomed Divine guidance in its work, while respecting the rich and varied faiths of its citizens. From patriots and presidents to advocates for justice, our history reflects a strong presence of prayer in American life; and

WHEREAS: America was founded on the principles of religious freedom and liberty for all. By following our own beliefs while respecting the convictions of others, we can strengthen our people and build upon our promise as a State; and

WHEREAS: This year the theme of the National Day of Prayer is "PRAY for AMERICA: UNITY" based on Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace"; and

WHEREAS: On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Americans are invited to join in prayer for our Nation and our states, to give thanks for the men and women of the military who defend freedom, to ask for God's protection, and to pray for peace throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, as

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to observe this day with diligence and humility.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2018.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State