



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in Alabama, we devoutly recognize the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and of nations; and

WHEREAS, this recognition is embodied in the preamble to our Alabama Constitution, with its invocation of the "favor and guidance of Almighty God" and its oath of office directing state officials to call on God's help as they enter public office; and

WHEREAS, this recognition is further embodied in the Alabama Constitution's array of protections for religious liberty, among them its declaration that "every person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience"; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of designating a day of prayer for our nation dates back to the Second Continental Congress before the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln expressed in a proclamation in March 1863 that it is the duty of nations to acknowledge our dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess our corporate sins and transgressions, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon for our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln went on to recognize the importance of humbling ourselves before the Lord of the universe, confessing our sins and to praying for divine guidance. I echo that importance as we approach the national and state elections of November 5, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 4, 2024, as a

Day of Prayer

in the state of Alabama ahead of the General Election of November 5, 2024. I ask the people of Alabama to pray for our state and nation.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 4th day of November 2024.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor

