

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, prayer is a fundamental part of our national heritage, with the first National Day of Prayer proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1783, the end of a long, weary Revolutionary War marked a temporary end to the National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, revised as an annual observance by the Congress of the United States in 1952, the National Day of Prayer has become a tremendously unifying force for our citizens from diverse religious backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation has fervently sought divine guidance as it charted what has now become the path of American history; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this year's celebration is "**Righteousness Exalts a Nation**" reflecting the words of Proverbs 14:34:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim Thursday, May 1, 2003, as

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

in the State of Mississippi, and encourage all citizens to recognize it appropriately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, April 10, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR