

National Day of Prayer Observance  
Thursday, May 3, 2001  
11:45 a.m.  
State Capitol – South Side Steps

(2 minutes for opening remarks)

- Good Morning
- I am happy to participate in an event, which brings Christians in Mississippi together.
- It is fitting that we observe a day when we publicly acknowledge our many blessings,
- And express gratitude to God, while recognizing the need to strengthen the religious and moral values in our state.
- The National Association for Prayer promotes a Statewide Prayer Day in Mississippi to bring peace, unity and healing to our people.
- **Unity** is helping Mississippi move forward.
- We are not just seeing what is best for us, but what is best for our children.
- We are participating in this day because we know that prayer changes people and creates hope.
- We must continue to recognize our differences, but also work together.

- We need to cross border of race, religion and personal agendas to do what is best for Mississippi, as a whole.
- Today will help instill traditional values and morals for our students and everyone participating today.
- It will take positive, Christian role models to continue making a difference.
- You are here today because you care and want to make a difference.
- Let us pray together for wisdom, guidance and strength to work in earnest for a better quality of life for our people.
- Together, we **can** make a difference.