

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 "**America United Under God-'God is our refuge and strength; an ever-present help in trouble.'** Psalm 46:1":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim Thursday, May 2, 2002, 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, January 7, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR