



Proclamation

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 2, 2019

WHEREAS, one of our Nation's great strengths is the freedom we hold dear, including the freedom to exercise our faiths freely; and for many Americans, prayer is an essential act of worship and a daily discipline; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, prayers will be said for comfort for those who mourn, healing for those who are sick, protection for those who are in harm's way, and strength for those who lead; today and every day, forgiveness and reconciliation will be sought through prayer; and across our country, Americans give thanks for our many blessings, including the freedom to pray as our consciences dictate; and

WHEREAS, as we give thanks for our liberties, we must never forget those around the world, including Americans, who are being held or persecuted because of their convictions; let us remember all prisoners of conscience today, whatever their faiths or beliefs and wherever they are held; let us continue to take every action within our power to secure their release; and let us carry forward our Nation's tradition of religious liberty, which protects Americans' rights to pray and to practice our faiths as we see fit; and

WHEREAS, annually the President of the United States of America issues a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a "National Day of Prayer."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby support and encourage the residents of Monroe to join me, May 2, 2019, in observing the

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and join the citizens of our Nation in giving thanks, in accordance with our own faiths and consciences, for our many freedoms and blessings, and in asking for God's continued guidance, mercy, and protection.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor