



Proclamation

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 7, 2020

WHEREAS, throughout our history, with our freedom to exercise our faiths freely, Americans have turned to prayer for strength, inspiration, and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that, from the earliest years of our country's history, Congress and presidents have set aside days to recognize the role prayer has played in so many definitive moments in our history; and

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

WHEREAS, on this National Day of Prayer, may we especially pray for and reflect upon the challenges we are all facing during this difficult time as we respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, may we be thankful for the liberty that allows people of all faiths to worship or not worship according to the calling of their conscience, and let us be thankful for the many other freedoms and blessings that we often take for granted; and

WHEREAS, let us pray for people and organizations in positions of influence and leadership in our community to do their works with humility and Love for one another, and to put people ahead of ideology and partisanship; and

WHEREAS, let us turn our hearts and thoughts away from division and hatred, and instead pray for Peace, Love, compassion, and unity in Monroe, in our country, and for the global community of humanity.

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 7, 2020, in observing the

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and join the people 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