

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 with the theme, “Lift Up the Word, Light up the World”; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout the history of America, faith has been deeply rooted in the foundation, building and continuous improvement of this free Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** from the indigenous populations of North America to the first European settlers and immigrants to present day, the spiritual guidance, faith, reverence, human decency, humility, and tolerance found in prayer has led many Americans and indeed our Nation through times of both great crisis, difficult reconciliations, and jubilant celebration; and

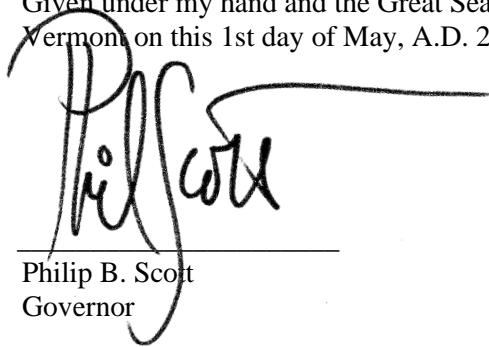
**WHEREAS,** a National Day of Prayer has been a tradition since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, later reaffirmed in 1952 by a Joint Resolution of the United States Congress; and it was made law in 1988, establishing the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans have a fundamental right to religious freedom and prayer can help unify our hearts – and therefore our communities and our country.


**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024, as

**DAY OF PRAYER**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of May, A.D. 2024.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs