

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 7, 2020**

- WHEREAS,** *In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer, during which people throughout the United States were encouraged to pause in repentance and intercession for our nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Prayer can play a valuable and productive role in strengthening bonds of understanding, tolerance, friendship and unity among all people; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Marylanders cherish our heritage of religious freedom and throughout our State and the Nation events will take place to celebrate and honor the National Day of Prayer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is pleased to recognize the historic role that prayer has played in our nation by observing the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 7, 2020 as NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 7th day of May
Two Thousand and twenty

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State